

Phase 1 Planning

May June

- **Make decision to apply to a university in the UK**
- **Map out universities** to apply to – check for specific deadlines and be sure to note them down
- **Get a mentor from Project Access**
 - Reach out to other students who will apply
- **Read books and material in your preferred subject** to prepare for your personal statement
- **Plan ahead** – get an overview of your calendar and when you need to do what
- **Decide** if you want to apply to either **Oxford** or **Cambridge**, if applicable.

Phase 2 Preparation

July August September

- Allocate part of your summer to **prepare for any relevant admissions tests** that you might be required to take (TSA, BMAT etc.)
- **Sign up for the tests in advance.** Acquiring a spot is important since tests will only be administered once a year.
- **Begin your application process on UCAS** and fill out the required forms (your high school grades etc.)
- **Reflect on possible topics and angles for your personal statement**
- Contact a teacher whom you think could write the **necessary recommendation** for your application.
- Add said teacher to your UCAS application online as soon as possible so they may upload their recommendation.

Phase 3 Testing

October November

- **Take the tests required** and make sure that you are prepared and have revised the test material – both in terms of content and composition.
- **Finish writing your personal statement** – and make it an iterative process where you start early. You should go through multiple revisions.
- **Stay in contact with your recommendation writer** – make sure to assist them in any way possible.
- Send your personal statement to people you trust who can give you **valuable and critical feedback**.
- **Finish every part of your UCAS application** and make sure your recommendation has been uploaded
- The deadline for applying to either **Oxford or Cambridge** is **OCTOBER 15**

Phase 4 Apply + Interviews

December January

- This is the last sprint before finish! **Make it count.**
- **If you have not applied to Oxford or Cambridge**, this is the last change to finish your personal statement and UCAS application.
- **Prepare for any admissions interview** that your university may require. Make sure to plan your trip early if you are doing a physical interview in the UK.
- **Re-read your personal statement and talk to your mentor** in preparation for your interviews.
- **APPLY JAN 15**
- **Begin thinking about funding**, as soon as you have received your admission decisions.

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Time requirement



Project Access guide:
How to plan your application process

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Project Access guide:
Test preparation

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Project Access guide:
How to convey your story

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Project Access guide:
How to ace an interview