

Year 12 Academic Enrichment Programme

This programme is only available to students who live inside the Greater West Midlands region and are currently in Year 12.

The next programme begins with a week long residential at the University in August.

Students will stay at University Halls of Residence and have support from Student Ambassadors, who are current undergraduates. Students will attend interactive lectures relevant to their academic interests during the day and there will be a full social calendar in the evenings.

Benefits of the programme

Students who are successful in gaining a place on this programme, will gain the following:

- Support with raising students' academic grades through two study skills sessions in Year 13
- Support from current undergraduates via e-mentoring
- Support with their decision making process
- First hand experience of the academic learning to be expected from a research-led institution during the week long residential in August
- An invitation to attend the celebration event that recognises the hard work of all the participants on the programme

Can students choose what to study?

There are four broad streams students can choose from, this must be related to their current studies or relevant to the degree programme they wish to study. The academic streams will include some of the following areas, but these are all subject to availability of academic staff:

- Humanities and Social Sciences – covering Geography, English, History, Drama, Law, Politics, Social Policy, Public Policy, Social Work, Sociology, Theology, Psychology
- Business – Accounting, Economics, Business, International Studies
- Physical Sciences – Engineering, Computer Science, Physics, Maths
- Biological and Health Sciences – Physiotherapy, Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Biology, Chemistry

In addition to academic lectures and seminars there are contributions from external organisations.

Who can apply?

- Applicants must be the first generation in your family to apply to university (parents must not have been to university)
- Applicants must have parents in non-professional occupations
- Applicants must have a minimum of eight GCSEs (grade B and above, which must include Maths and English). A minimum of grade B in Science at GCSE is essential for academic streams involving Biological and Health Sciences and Physical Sciences
- Applicants must be taking relevant A level (or equivalent) qualifications for the academic stream an application is made to
- Applicants must attend a non-selective state school with a high proportion of free school meals and/or in inner-city areas. If applicants currently attend a selective state school/college, the school they did their GCSEs in must not have been selective
- Have a household income below £42,600

Other factors that will be considered include students with disabilities and those that grew up in care or are currently in care. We actively encourage these students to apply.

How much does it cost?

The costs of the Academic Enrichment Programme are completely covered by the University. This includes travel to and from the University, accommodation, all meals during the residential element and all social activities.

How do students apply?

Please complete the application form and submit this to your school or college for authorisation. The completed form must then be sent back to the University of Birmingham for consideration.

Details of the 2015 programme, together with the applications form, will be posted here as soon as they are available.

Further information

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