

Year 12 Higher Education Insight

The University of Birmingham Higher Education Insight Programme

Residential August

The Higher Education Insight (HEI) Programme is a national programme, designed to support students from England and Wales who live outside of the Greater West Midlands region and are currently in Year 12. Please see the Information for Students leaflet for more details.

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

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Students who are successful in gaining a place on this programme will benefit from the following:

- Raising aspirations to apply to the Russell Group universities
- Support from current undergraduates via e-mentoring when in year 13
- Support with 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

Can students choose what to study?

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

- Humanities – Law, History, English, Philosophy, Theology etc.
- Biological and Health Sciences – Physiotherapy, Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Biology, Chemistry
- Engineering – Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgy and Materials, Civil Engineering, Electronic Engineering

Who can apply?

Applicants must be the first generation in their 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 also essential for academic streams involving Biological and Health Sciences and the Engineering Stream
- 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 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 Higher Education Insight programme are completely covered by the University. This includes travel to and from the University (subject to a pre-agreed limit), 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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