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TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

OUR CONTEXTUAL ADMISSIONS OFFER

Our mission and strategy are dedicated to the pursuit of an excellent university education that enables students from all backgrounds to become enterprising citizens and responsible leaders, whilst also promoting economic and social prosperity for the communities we serve. Solent is a proud champion of widening participation, which is at the core of our operations and our culture.



WHAT ARE CONTEXTUAL ADMISSIONS?

Contextualised Admissions use information and data to assess circumstances and understand the context of your students' achievements when they make an application to us. Contextual information considers your students' individual circumstances such as being a young carer, whilst contextual data considers their socio-economic background such as the area where they live or the school they attended.

When our admissions team review your students' UCAS application, this additional contextual information and data will be used to help us make an overall assessment of the students' achievements and their potential to succeed on a Solent degree course. If they meet one or more of the eligibility criteria, they will be made an offer lower than our standard required tariff.

WHY ARE WE OFFERING THIS?

Ensuring that education is inclusive and accessible to all students regardless of their background is what makes us a friendly, community-driven University. We are offering this as part of our admissions process in order to help identify your disadvantaged students, their achievements and potential to succeed in the context of their background and experience. The initiative is focused around supporting access and encouraging applications to Higher Education by offering a reduction in our required tariff.

WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND HOW DO MY STUDENTS APPLY?

Applicants will apply via UCAS and will also be encouraged to complete and submit the self-declaration information form, which can be found on our website.

Lower offers will be made based on the following calculations (please note the lower offer will be dependent on the qualification(s) the applicant is either currently studying for, or already achieved):

If applicant:

- Meets one criterion - standard tariff will be reduced by a minimum of 16 points
- Meets two or more criteria - standard tariff will be reduced by a minimum of 32 points

Eligible students will be:

- Given additional consideration and will not be declined based on their predicted or achieved grades
- Offered an interview or equivalent, regardless of predicted or achieved grades
- Made an offer which is lower than the standard entry requirements.

We will also support applicants with mitigating circumstances, which can be identified via the self-declaration form.

Full details of our eligibility criteria can be found online here: www.solent.ac.uk/how-to-apply/what-next/contextual-offers

If you wish to speak to the Schools and College team about this directly please email us on schools.colleges@solent.ac.uk

