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UCL’S Contextual Offer Scheme

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Young adult carers, who are attending or have attended a UK state school, may be automatically eligible for the Access UCL scheme. This may apply to you if you are someone whose life is adversely affected by caring for a family member who has a physical or sensory disability, learning disability, medical conditions, mental health difficulties, or has an addiction.

UCL defines a young adult carer as someone who provides unpaid support to a family member who could not manage without this help. This usually means looking after a parent, or caring for a brother or sister. To be eligible for Access UCL, young adult carers must be aged 20 or under on their first day of study at UCL.

As UCAS does not automatically flag applications as having young adult carer status, when you submit your application you should also email the Access UCL contact address – wp.accessucl@ucl.ac.uk – quoting your UCAS personal ID number, to let us know about your circumstances.

We will need to verify your young adult carer status, so we will need you to provide a short personal statement outlining your caring responsibilities, as well as verification from a third party, usually a professional such as a teacher, a GP, or someone from social services, or your local authority. Further details on this process will be sent to you when you apply to UCL. All information provided will be treated with the utmost confidence.

If you are a young adult carer and you attended a UK independent or fee-paying school, please email wp.accessucl@ucl.ac.uk to check your eligibility, and we will assess your case on an individual basis.