

Access UCL

UCL'S Contextual Offer Scheme

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Applicants who are estranged from their family, and 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 no longer have the support of your family due to a breakdown in your relationship which has led to ceased contact. This might mean your biological, step or adoptive parents, or wider family members who have been responsible for supporting you in the past.

This means that you no longer have contact with, or do not live with your parents. This does not include single-parent families, as you are still in contact with one parent. To be eligible for Access UCL, estranged students must be aged 25 or under on their first day of study at UCL.

As UCAS does not automatically flag applications as having estranged 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 estranged status, so we will need you to provide a short personal statement briefly outlining your circumstances, as well as verification from a trusted independent party such as a teacher or a doctor. 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 an estranged student 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.

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