



# Warwick Scholars



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## Hear from our Warwick Scholars alumni

“Warwick Scholars is the big reason that I now get to be a student at a university I love studying a course I couldn’t be more passionate about.”

“I’ve learnt a lot about applying to university, the course I’m hoping to study and life at university due to being a Warwick scholar and I have had a really great experience!”

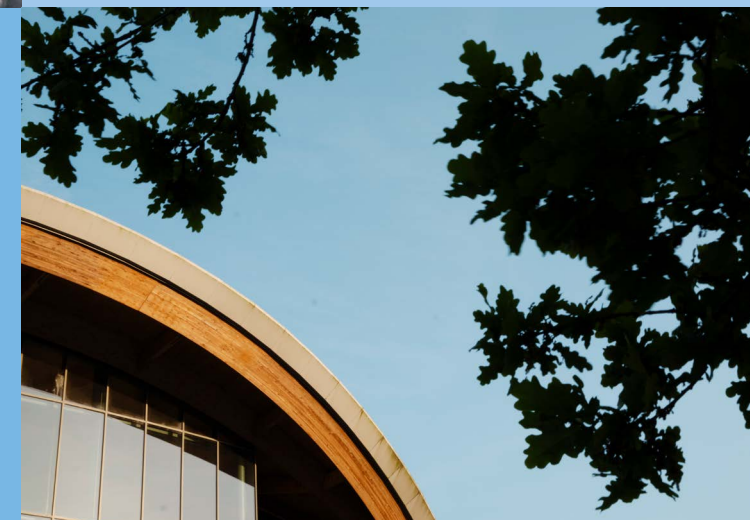
“I’m getting out more than I could have ever imagined! It’s such a fantastic program and it covers the academic side but also the social side.”

**At Warwick, we believe that access to a world-leading university should be open to people from all backgrounds.**

We are committed to supporting you to reach your academic potential and join us at a university that offers a strong challenge through teaching and research excellence. A place that encourages you to explore what inspires and excites you.

Warwick Scholars is designed to help you to gain a place at Warwick by supporting your academic achievement, developing skills that will help you to thrive, providing insight and experience of what it will be like to study at a world-leading university.

We are dedicated to supporting you and your successes but being a Warwick Scholar will require some time commitment from you – but this will be time well invested. Programme activities are designed to complement your A level studies, enabling you to achieve the best possible grades. These activities will take place during school holidays and outside of the school day as much as possible. All activities are completely free of charge, including travel and food for on-campus events, plus accommodation for any residential events.



# Benefits of Warwick Scholars

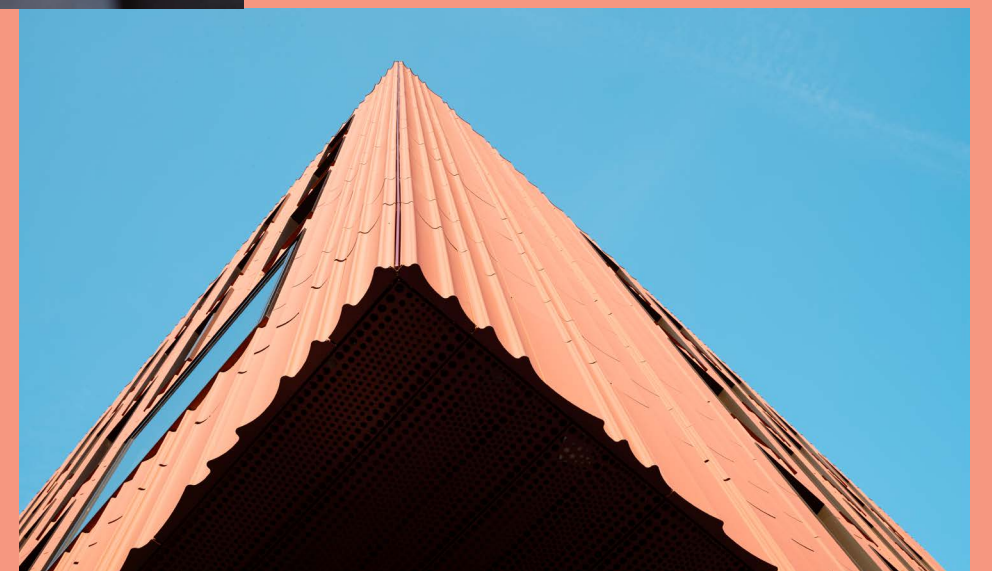


Becoming a Warwick Scholar will give you access to a range of support to enhance your post-16 studies, including:

- One-to-one tutoring for one of your A Level subjects
- Mentoring from a current Warwick student to guide you through the programme
- A Level revision support
- Visits to campus
- A residential event in August of Year 12 where you will stay in student accommodation and get your first insight into student life at Warwick.

“I feel like I am in the best position right now for my A level exams and I am more knowledgeable about life at university and the various systems in place for students. Furthermore, after conversations with my mentor I feel I am ready for the incoming exam period and I am prepared to tackle it to the best of my ability.”

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In recognition of the commitment you'll be showing to Warwick by completing this programme, we will commit to you by offering a guaranteed conditional offer of between 2-4 grades below the standard entry requirements for your chosen course.

We believe in you and will support you towards reaching the standard entry grades – the alternative offer is designed to take the pressure off and enable you to do your very best, setting yourself up as well as possible for your future studies and career.

When you enrol at Warwick as an undergraduate, you'll be given a **50% tuition fee discount** for each year of your course. In addition, you will receive a **bursary of up to £2,000 per year dependent on your household income**, which could help you with accommodation on campus or with the costs of commuting during your studies. If you are eligible for the Warwick Undergraduate Bursary, you will receive this in addition to the Warwick Scholars bursary.



## Warwick Scholars doesn't end there

From results day to graduation we will support you in working toward your goals - offering advice and guidance, study skills development, study abroad opportunities and internships. You will also be invited to exclusive Warwick Scholars social events and activities designed by students for students. When you enrol at Warwick you will be invited to join our Warwick Scholars undergraduate programme:

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### Belong

- Community
- Socialising
- Sports and Societies
- Peer support

### Grow

- Skills development
- Personal development
- Student opportunities

### Achieve

- Careers support
- Study support
- Work opportunities

# Choosing the right course for you

#### Here are things you should consider:

- Career prospects
- Studying a course you are passionate about
- Checking how the course is assessed
- Whether you want to move away for University or stay local

#### Study beyond boundaries:

- Study an undergraduate course you haven't at A Level, for example, Liberal Arts, Creative Writing, History of Art, Global Sustainable Development and more!

- You can choose any course to study at University, as long as you meet the required GCSE and Level 3 (BTEC, A Level etc.) requirements. You do not need to stick to one genre.

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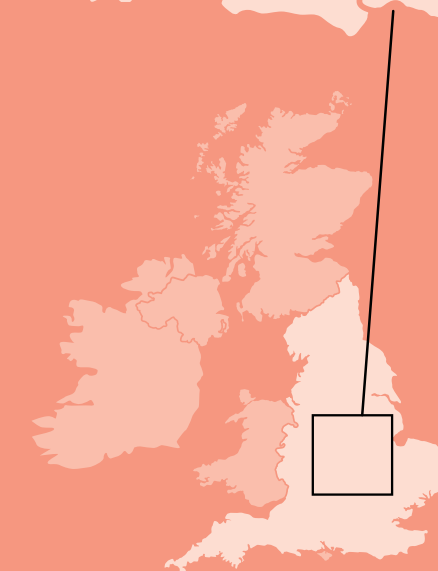
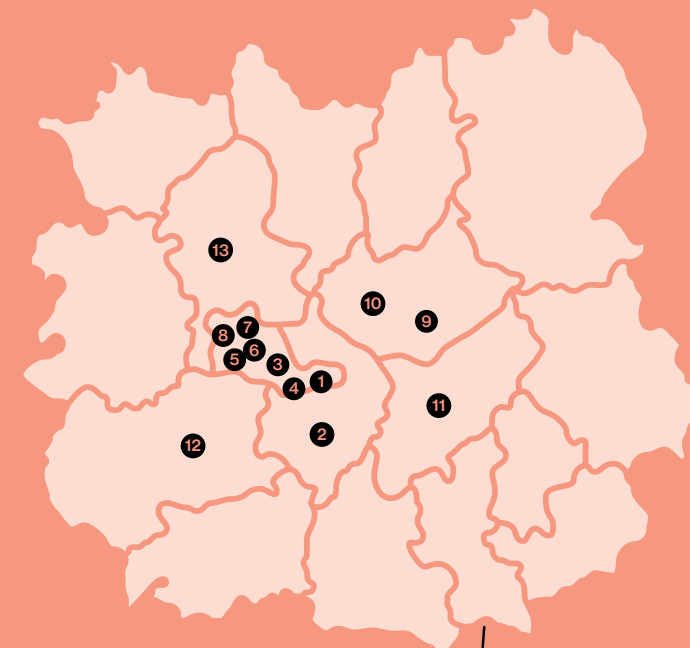
Warwick Scholars - 'An extremely beneficial insight into university life, help with my current A Level studies and knowledge about Warwick University itself.'

# Who can apply?

**Essential Criteria – You must meet all of the following criteria:**

- Attend a school or college, or live, within one of the local authority areas covered by Warwick Scholars OR be a care leaver living in England
- Have achieved at least five grade 9–6 (A\*–B) at GCSE (or equivalent); if this does not include English Language and Mathematics, you must have achieved at least a grade 4 (C) in these subjects
- Be eligible for Home UK Fee status (by the time you enrol)
- Be in the first year of your Level 3 (e.g. A Level Studies, in Year 12)

You must be studying the right qualifications and subjects needed for the course you are applying for, as outlined on the university website. Where the course you are applying to has specific GCSE requirements, you must also meet these.



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| 1. Coventry     | 8. Wolverhampton     |
| 2. Warwickshire | 9. Leicester         |
| 3. Birmingham   | 10. Leicestershire   |
| 4. Solihull     | 11. Northamptonshire |
| 5. Dudley       | 12. Worcestershire   |
| 6. Sandwell     | 13. Staffordshire    |
| 7. Walsall      |                      |



# How to apply?

- Find a course that interests you at Warwick
- Check that you are studying any required A Level subjects and have required GCSE grades for your chosen course
- Check that you meet the location, academic and widening participation criteria
- Prepare a short supporting statement (approx. 250 words)
- Nominate a teacher to provide a reference – make sure you ask them first!



Apply online at [warwick.ac.uk/warwicksscholars](http://warwick.ac.uk/warwicksscholars)



# Widening Participation criteria

You must meet at least two of the following criteria (priority will be given to those meeting multiple criteria).

**You may be asked to provide evidence for some criteria.**

- Completed GCSEs at and/or currently attend one of our priority schools
- Have been in receipt of or eligible for Free School Meals within the last 6 years
- Will be the first generation in your family to attend university (not including siblings)
- Live in a priority neighbourhood
- Have experienced significant extenuating circumstances that have had (or are having) a detrimental effect on academic attainment e.g. are a young carer, have suffered from long term illness requiring time out of education, have a disability or specific learning difficulty.

## Criteria for Care Leavers living in England:

If you are a Care Leaver living within a local authority area in England, **you do not need to meet any further Widening Participation criteria.** You will however need to meet the academic requirements for the course you're interested in.



**“The advice I received and the knowledge I gained just by talking to students that attended university helped me enormously when preparing myself for my new life at University.”**

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# What happens after applying?

- Applications open early March – end of April
- The Warwick Scholars Team process your application (between April – Mid July)
- We may ask you follow up questions depending on your application
- Warwick Scholars Team host an extenuating circumstances panel to ensure consistency across all applications
- Mid July – Find out the outcome
- August Programme starts with a residential Launch



**If you have a query,  
please contact us:**

**Widening Participation and Social Mobility**

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