



University Admissions Policy

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1. PURPOSE

1.1 What the University is aiming to achieve

(a) This policy outlines the admissions process and practice across undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes at City St George's, University of London, Clerkenwell and Moorgate campuses.

(b) The University aims to admit students of the highest calibre, who have the academic potential and the personal motivation to succeed on our rigorous courses. The University encourages applications from applicants from all backgrounds and it evaluates the potential of each applicant individually and on their own merits.

1.2 Our role in a changing sector

(a) The University is proud to be a diverse, inclusive, and global community; committed to providing a fair admissions service that reflects this. This means the University will provide equal opportunity for all individuals, regardless of background, to gain admission to a course suited to their motivation and potential.

(b) The University will ensure that the entry requirements are appropriate for the academic needs of the programmes and for the students the University seeks to attract to them.

(c) The University is committed to developing its processes and improving the skills and understanding of its staff, to provide equal opportunities for all students.

(d) The admissions policy will continue to strive to be fair and transparent.

(e) The University will keep under review recommendations from the concurrent reviews into admissions, currently taking place at Universities UK and the Office for Students.

1.3 The scope of this policy

(a) This policy reflects all the admissions activity across undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes at City St George's, University of London Clerkenwell and Moorgate campuses. For postgraduate research, please see Admissions Policy (Research Degrees) [here](#). The policy includes all the details applicants need to know about the University's admissions processes and outlines how the University's admissions activity demonstrates the following principles:

- We are committed to providing a fair, effective, and professional admissions service informed by the indicators set out in the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) Quality Code, B2, Recruitment, Selection, and Admission to Higher Education.
- We will provide clear and useful information on our entry requirements and admissions processes.
- We will update our information and processes on an annual basis, aiming to do this in September each year.
- We will endeavour to operate an admissions procedure that is fair, transparent, and consistent, whilst being compliant with all relevant legislation and regulations.

- We will strive to admit only suitably qualified applicants who have the ability to complete their programme of study successfully.
- We are committed to Widening Participation and fair access and encourage applicants from all social and cultural backgrounds. We use contextual information to assess attainment and potential that allows us to make flexible offers to applicants who are underrepresented in higher education (see section 6.3).
- We will provide an admissions function which seeks to serve the best interests of our applicants and assists the University in meeting its strategic aims.

(b) We will ensure all staff in admissions roles are well informed, customer-focused, and regularly trained to understand the needs of our applicants and to be compliant with relevant procedures and processes.

(c) The policy is managed by the Head of Admissions and approved by the University Senate, chaired by the President of the University. The policy is reviewed on an annual basis.

2 ADMISSIONS RESPONSIBILITY AND STRUCTURE

2.1 Structure of the team and personnel

(a) The professional lead for admissions at City St Georges, University of London is the Head of Admissions, under the guidance of the Academic Registrar.

(b) The University maintains a Recruitment and Admissions Committee for both undergraduate and postgraduate taught programmes, chaired by the Vice-President (Education). The committee brings together central and School-based colleagues to manage each admissions cycle.

(c) Decisions on applications are made by fully trained, experienced Admissions Officers using clear parameters set out by Admissions Tutors in each of the six Schools. If the Admissions Officer is unable to reach a decision on the basis of the information provided, the application may be escalated to the Senior Admissions Officer or Admissions Manager.

(d) Where an application requires any form of academic judgement, professional colleagues will work with the relevant Admissions Tutor, Course Director, or Programme Director.

(e) Where an application falls outside of defined academic criteria, professional colleagues will work with the key academic point of contact within the relevant Department or School. This is typically an Admissions Tutor, Course Director, or Programme Director.

2.2 Partner institutions

City St George's, University of London has a number of approved partners. Where the University receives students directly from these partners, this policy has been shared for consideration and approval. All students who join the University directly from these partners will be required to comply with this Admissions Policy.

2.3 Agents

(a) As outlined in section 8.8 of this policy, the University currently has agents in all regions of the world to assist students in making an application to City St George's, University of London. The University carefully selects agents through a rigorous set of checks to ensure that they comply with all relevant legislation and provide a good service to students.

(b) This policy has been shared with agents across our network and these agents are encouraged to ensure their clients act with knowledge of the policies and processes outlined in this document.

3 APPLYING TO CITY ST GEORGE'S, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON: OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU AND COMPLIANCE WITH CODES AND REGULATION

3.1 Schwarz review, QAA and UUK

(a) This policy takes note of the best practice within the sector and uses the recommendations of three independent authorities on the subject.

(b) The 'Schwarz Review' guides the principles outlined in this policy – following on from a [Government report](#) on Admissions to Higher Education, led by Professor Steven Schwartz in 2004: transparency, minimising barriers to entry, selecting for merit, potential and diversity, professionalism and using assessment methods that are reliable and valid

(c) The admissions policy also complies with the guidance set out within the QAA UK Quality Code for Higher Education on recruitment, selection, and admission to higher education and the UUK Fair Admissions Code of Practice.

3.2 Competition and Markets Authority requirements

(a) The University complies with the requirements of the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA). For the purpose of this regulation, City St George's, University of London is a 'trader,' and its students are 'consumers'

(b) The University is clear about three main areas in particular:

- The [Terms and Conditions](#) for Study at City St George's, University of London governs the University's dealings with students and form a contract between City St George's, University of London, and its students in relation to their studies. These Terms and Conditions provide a summary of the regulatory framework and key terms on which an agreement is entered into with the University. Applicants are therefore strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the document.
- The University provides information, which is accurate, easy to find and useful for the students to make an informed choice.
- The University sets out an accessible, clear, and transparent complaints policy for students, as set out in section 9 of this admissions policy.

3.3 Senate regulations

Senate is the academic authority responsible for the maintenance of academic quality and standards, which are delegated from the Council, under Royal Charter. Its function is to oversee the overall academic reputation of the University and to ensure the continuous

improvement of the quality of education and research at City St George's, University of London by engaging in best practice.

3.4 The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

(a) The University will handle your personal data in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018, which gave effect to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the United Kingdom. The provisions of the GDPR apply to all bodies processing the personal data of EU nationals.

(b) City St George's, University of London's Privacy Notice for past, present, and prospective students of the University. This [Privacy Notice](#) explains how the University collects, uses, and shares the personal data of prospective students, and of their rights in relation to the personal data the University holds.

(c) The University is committed to ensuring compliance in this area and has detailed our approach and the impact on applicants can be found on the [Personal Data and Online Resource](#) webpage.

3.5 Freedom of Information (FOI)

The University co-operates with all FOI requests and anything in relation to admissions should be to foi@city.ac.uk

4 THE APPLICATION PROCESS

4.1 Deadlines

(a) Across the University there are differing deadlines, depending on the course and the start date. Applicants and advisors are encouraged to see the most up-to-date information by looking on the relevant course page on the University website. Applying earlier on in the application cycle is always encouraged.

(b) The University may include a deadline within any offer we decide to make. All deadlines provided within the offer are at the University's discretion.

(c) The University also complies with all the deadlines stipulated for undergraduate applicants through UCAS.

4.2 Assessment timelines

(a) Across the University there are differing timelines for assessment, depending on the course and the start date. Where applications are submitted with all the requisite detail to make an informed decision, the University will aim to provide decisions on these applications swiftly. The University does not make guarantees on the speed in which applicants can expect a decision on their application.

(b) On some of the most competitive courses, there are some 'gathered field' processes in place. In these instances, the University will group applications together over a period of time, before communicating decisions either via UCAS for undergraduate or directly for postgraduate.

(c) Where applications require further information, or assessment, this will inevitably delay the time it takes to provide applicants with a decision.

4.3 What the applicant will receive from the University

(a) The University is committed to making sure applicants have all the details they need to make an informed decision on where to study. As such, the University will endeavour to provide applicants with useful, timely and helpful communication specific to their course of interest and the wider university. This is typically via email.

(b) More information on what communication applicants can expect from the University can be found in section 8 of this document.

4.4 Interviews, auditions, and assessment

(a) Where interviews, selection days or assessments are used in the decision-making process these will be detailed on the relevant course page on our website and applicants will be informed of this in writing during the application stage. In some cases, courses run two stage processes and applicants may be required to attend both an Assessment Session and a Selection Day.

(b) Some selection events will take place via an online platform. Applicants will be contacted to provide them with the information they need to support any further assessment required.

4.5 Applicant visits

(a) Undergraduate applicants will have an opportunity to visit the University either as part of the interview, selection day or auditions or be invited to an Applicant Day. This gives the applicant an opportunity to hear more about the course, see the campus and meet staff and students. Applicants will be invited to these events via email with details of how to book.

(b) Postgraduate Applicants can visit the University by registering for a Campus Tour or attending one of the Postgraduate Open Evenings.

(c) These events are mainly delivered at the Clerkenwell campus. Subject-specific events in Tooting and Moorgate campuses and opportunities to visit those facilities are also available throughout the year.

(d) Full details on opportunities to visit the University can be found [here](#).

5 ASSESSMENTS OF APPLICATIONS

5.1 Submission and assessment process

(a) The University offers high quality, challenging courses to applicants who demonstrate the preparation and potential to succeed.

(b) The admissions and selection process aims to assess applications fairly and consistently. The University will judge applicants on individual merits, considering academic achievements, relevant experience, and motivation.

(c) All undergraduate applications must be submitted via UCAS. The majority of all postgraduate applications are made directly to the University using our online application system, OPAS.

(d) Some practices for assessment vary across schools and departments across the University so applicants should consult the relevant course page on the City St George's,

University of London website for the latest information on entry requirements and selection process.

5.2 Entry requirements

(a) To enter an undergraduate degree course at City St George's, University of London, applicants must satisfy the University's general minimum requirements of passes in two subjects at GCE A Level, or a level deemed to be equivalent by the University.

(b) Typically, applicants must also have achieved a minimum of grade 4/C in English Language and Mathematics at GCSE. However, applicants from different education systems will be considered individually.

(c) Applicants to postgraduate taught courses must satisfy the course requirements as stated on the course webpage.

(d) Applicants must also meet any specific requirements of the course they wish to study on. These requirements can range between courses and are regularly revised to reflect the most current academic demands of that particular programme.

(e) Where possible, the University will seek to verify any qualifications that are submitted as part of an application and an applicant may be contacted to request more information to enable this.

(f) The University encourages all applicants to view the latest entry requirements for our courses using the relevant course page on the University website.

(g) An applicant having met (or been predicted to meet) the entry requirement does not guarantee admission to City St George's, University of London.

5.3 Use of tariff (undergraduate only)

(a) All decisions the University makes will be communicated to applicants in writing. For undergraduate entry, there are two main forms an offer may take.

- The offer may be A Level grades, International Baccalaureate, BTEC qualifications or similar, which may specify certain grades in certain subjects.
OR
- The relevant course may choose to make an offer using UCAS tariff points, as this allows for comparisons between different qualifications and applicants.

(b) Applicants who receive an offer must read the conditions carefully to ensure they understand the specific requirements they need to achieve, as some offers may exclude certain subjects or state specific scores.

(c) An explanation of the UCAS tariff and a full list of the qualifications it covers is available on [the UCAS website](#)

5.4 English language requirements

(a) All applicants (both UK and overseas) are required to demonstrate that their ability to understand and express themselves in written and spoken English is sufficient for them to be able to benefit from and participate fully in their degree course.

(b) Applicants should visit <https://www.city.ac.uk/prospective-students/apply/entry-requirements#english> for the most current and comprehensive list of English language requirements. Some courses will ask for more than the minimum requirement, so please check the relevant course on our website.

5.5 Personal statements

(a) It is mandatory for all applicants to provide a personal statement for undergraduate degrees at City St George's, University of London via UCAS. The UCAS application form will only allow students to submit one personal statement, irrespective of the breadth of their course choices.

(b) Where the applicant's personal statement does not support their chosen subject, they may be required to provide another. We will contact all relevant applicants in this instance.

(c) When submitting a personal statement to the University, it should be written solely by the applicant. Information copied from elsewhere or asking someone else to write your statement, including AI or Chat GPT, could be considered as fraudulent and may result in a reject decision.

(d) The University receives similarity detection alerts from UCAS summarising levels of plagiarism detected in the personal statements of our applicants. Plagiarism within the personal statement is strongly discouraged. Where the level of plagiarism is judged to be unacceptable by the University the applicant may either be asked to provide a further personal statement or be rejected at the discretion of the Admissions Tutor and /or Head of Admissions.

(e) Most applicants applying to the University through a pathway route will need to provide a personal statement on entry, although there are exceptions to this, please check with the Admissions Office.

(f) At postgraduate level it is also mandatory for some courses to provide a personal statement. Applicants are encouraged to review the advice on the relevant course page and the application form to comply with these requirements.

5.6 Deposit Payments

Deposit payments are required by some applicants to the University. If a deposit payment is required, details of how much and when an applicant needs to pay will be displayed in the offer letter. The required amounts vary according to School requirements. Applicants should be aware that the deposit payment is non-refundable, except in cases where applicants can provide evidence:

- You fail to meet the conditions of your offer, and the University is unable to confirm your place on the programme.
- You cancel the Contract (the offer) at any time within 14 days of the date you formally accepted it.
- The University chooses to cancel the Contract (offer) in accordance with clauses 9,10 and 11 ([Refund Terms and Conditions](#))
- Your tuition fees are fully funded by a University approved financial sponsor.
- You are in receipt of a full-fee scholarship or bursary.

You can view our further details on how to pay and requesting a refund [here](#).

5.7 Admission with credit (second year undergraduate entry)

- (a) The University considers admission with credit across a number of areas of the undergraduate provision.
- (b) The University policy for this can be found on this page.
- (c) Applicants will typically need to have met the original entry requirements for the programme and have studied very similar material to our own syllabus at their current institution.
- (d) The applicant will also be expected to be achieving a high standard in the first year of their current programme.
- (e) If an applicant would like to be considered for admission with credit, they should send the above information to the relevant Admissions Officer, before then submitting an application via UCAS.

The Admissions Officer will then work with colleagues in the relevant school to assess the applicant's suitability for advanced entry.

- (g) The Admissions Officer will then inform the applicant before any application via UCAS is encouraged.
- (h) At the time of writing, it is not possible to apply for second year entry to the Business School, all courses with the School of Health and Psychological Sciences and the Department of Computer Science. (Outside of existing university 2+2 agreements)
- (i) Applicants cannot apply to study on Year 2 during the first year of recruitment for any new courses the University may add to its portfolio.

5.8 Re-sitting school leaving exams (undergraduate only)

- (a) In most instances, the University will consider applications from students who are resitting their school leaving examinations, for whatever reason. If an applicant is unsure about the details and how they comply with the requirements set out on the University course pages, please contact the relevant Admissions Officer.
- (b) In some cases, such as Optometry, the grades required for entry may be slightly higher as a result of an applicant resitting their school leaving exams.
- (c) Entry to Medicine requires applicants to obtain the entry requirements within the natural length of the qualification, typically two years for school leavers, or three years for graduates applying to an undergraduate programme. Exceptions can be made following a successful Extenuating Circumstances application.

5.9 Deferring entry

- (a) Applications for deferred entry are typically looked upon favourably; but this is confirmed on a case-to-case basis.
- (b) Should the applicant want to defer their application, having not previously applied to do so, this should be submitted in writing to the relevant Admissions Officer.

(c) Applicants who wish to be considered for deferred entry from the outset of their application have the opportunity to disclose this using the application form.

(d) Applicants can typically only look to defer entry for one academic year.

(e) Applicants through Clearing cannot be guaranteed that they will be allowed to defer their place. Any requests will need to be put in writing to the relevant Admissions Officer.

5.10 Extenuating circumstances

(a) The University will consider all relevant extenuating circumstances. Applicants should share this information for consideration via the relevant application platform and this information will be taken into account when making a decision on an application.

(b) Applicants taking formal national examinations will be expected to have told the relevant awarding body of their extenuating circumstances.

(c) If the evidence for extenuating circumstances arises after the application has been submitted, applicants and advisers are requested to do this by writing directly to the relevant Admissions Officer.

(d) Extenuating circumstances that affect entry to Medicine are considered separately. A successful extenuating circumstances application will not result in the acceptance of lower entry requirements. Instead, applicants who have re-sat or extended the length of their qualifications (or we advise to do so) will be permitted to apply for their chosen course.

5.11 Significant prior exposure to languages

(a) It is common for applicants to have taken school leaving qualifications which include a language to which they have had significant exposure prior to applying. In this instance, the University will judge the merits of the individual's qualifications on a case-by-case basis. Where the University decides that the language is to be excluded from any subsequent offer, the University will confirm this in the offer text.

(b) The University has full autonomy over whether to accept languages as suitable evidence for academic potential, as it has across all other qualification choices.

5.12 Visa compliance

City St George's, University of London is a Student Visa Sponsor who can support international students requiring a Student Visa to study in the UK. Further details can be found in Section 7.3 of this policy.

5.13 'What next?'

(a) When all the above checks have been made by the relevant member of the admissions team, the applicant will receive one of the following responses:

- The applicant will be made an offer
- The applicant will be invited to take part in further assessment and selection activities.
- The applicant will be contacted to gather further information to support their application.
- The application will be processed as unsuccessful.

(b) In all of these instances, the University will aim to communicate the status of the application to the applicant clearly and promptly. Applicants can view further information on what happens to their application at: www.city.ac.uk/apply

6 UNIVERSITY OFFERS

The University reserves the right to make independent decisions on its applicants. Where an applicant is judged to meet the academic potential to perform on our programmes, the offer will either be conditional or unconditional.

6.1 Meeting the offer

(a) The conditions of the offer will be outlined to all applicants in writing. At undergraduate level this will be communicated to all applicants via UCAS and from the University via email. At postgraduate taught level this will also be received in writing and visible on the relevant online application portal.

(b) If an applicant is able to demonstrate they meet the conditions of our offer, they will be accepted. If the applicant does not meet the conditions outlined in their offer, there is no guarantee they will be accepted.

6.2 The unconditional offer

A small proportion of the University's offers have an unconditional component to them. These will typically be offers made to students who have already achieved, and we have verified the qualifications/results we require for entry.

6.3 The change of course offer

(a) The University values the effort and commitment made in submitting an application to City, St George's, University of London. In the outcome where the decision on the application is unsuccessful, the University may offer the opportunity for applicants to be reconsidered for another course at the University.

(b) At undergraduate level, this will see a change of course offer to applicants communicated via email and shown on UCAS. This alternative course will be linked in similarity to the course for which the applicant originally submitted an application. The alternative course will typically have a lower entry threshold.

(c) At postgraduate taught level, there are two ways in which the Change of Course scheme works. Applicants can officially select a first, second and third choice of interest when submitting their application via the postgraduate application system. In this instance, if an applicant is unsuccessful for either their first or second choice course, the University will consider their application for the course of subsequent interest.

(d) In some instances, the University will also offer the applicant an alternative course offer, even if this is not specified on their application form. This alternative course offer will only happen should an applicant be unsuccessful in their original application but still meets the entry requirements for a related course. In this instance, applicants will be offered a change of course offer in writing.

(e) In all of the above instances, applicants are under no obligation to accept the offer.

6.4 Contextual admissions (undergraduate only)

(a) The University is committed to ensuring that it offers a route to high-quality education for students from a range of backgrounds, irrespective of age, location, wealth, or any other factor. The University is proud to have one of the most diverse student bodies in the country. This forms a crucial part of what makes us a world-leading institution, and this is something our Access and Participation Plan sets out in our formal commitments to students from an array of diverse backgrounds and contexts.

(b) The University is committed to widening participation and will develop our work within this area with purpose and clarity. Furthermore, City St George's, University of London is investing great effort in to improving the success and progression of our students once they join the University.

(c) The University's Contextual Admissions Scheme is available to students who apply with a pre-defined set of characteristics that have historically been found to disadvantage students during their secondary and post-secondary education.

(d) The Contextual Admissions Policy can be found on our websites at: www.city.ac.uk/contextual-admissions and [Contextual admissions at St George's](#)

(e) All students who are part of the Contextual Offer Scheme will receive confirmation of this in writing.

(f) The University will continue to assess this policy and, should this change, the University will ensure that the details of any such scheme are communicated on the website and in writing to all prospective students.

6.5 Registration

(a) When applicants have met the full conditions of their offer they will be invited to register. This typically takes place within a month of their study start date.

(b) Applicants must complete registration which includes online registration, ID verification, IT Account activation and obtaining a City St George's, University of London ID card.

(c) Admission to the institution, attendance on a programme, and right to enjoy any of the privileges of membership of the institution, including access to services and facilities, is subject to the applicant complying with the terms of the Contract and registering with the institution.

7 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

7.1 Fee status

(a) City, St George's, University of London determines the tuition fee status of applicants in accordance with The Education (Fees and Awards) (England) Regulations 2007 (Statutory Instrument No 779), as amended; the Higher Education (Fee Limit Condition) (England) Regulations 2017 (Statutory Instrument No 1189), as amended and the Education (Student Fees, Awards and Support) 14 (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (Statutory Instrument No 127) referred to in this Fee Policy jointly as the Fee Regulations.

- (b) The Regulations state that applicants who are classed as 'Overseas' can be charged a different, higher rate than those classed as 'Home.'
- (c) A student's classification is based on the fee regulations and the terminology employed (Home/Overseas) may not have any relation to a person's immigration status or other rights.
- (d) Where there is any confusion over the terminology, it should be noted that a person's fee status will always be based upon the regulations and not invoked or inferred from the terminology in any other document.
- (e) The full details on the University's Fee Status Policy can be found [here](#).

7.2 Student Visa requirements

- (a) As a Sponsor, the University can support non-UK students on a Student Visa as part of the Points Based System. These students must be on a full-time course lasting more than six months. The University can also sponsor students on part-time courses at NQF/RQF Level 7 or above.
- (b) A Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) can be issued to a student only if they meet the requirements of the Student Visa immigration category and comply with the conditions of their permission to stay in the UK.
- (c) A CAS can be assigned to a student only if the University is satisfied that the student both intends and is able to follow the course of study concerned and where the University expects the student to successfully complete their course on the date specified on the CAS.
- (d) The University's nominated staff check students' documents to ensure that they meet the academic, maintenance and other requirements set out in the Immigration Rules and by the University. A CAS is only assigned once a student has demonstrated that their documents fully meet the requirements.
- (e) ATAS Certificates – the University operates some courses that require an ATAS certificate to study. A valid ATAS certificate must be provided to the University before a CAS can be issued. Further guidance on ATAS certificates can be found [here](#).
- (f) Applicants are not entitled to sponsorship on the basis they have met the entry requirements for their course and hold an offer to study. They must also demonstrate to the University that they meet the requirements for Student Visa sponsorship. The University reserves the right to refuse a request for sponsorship, cancel a CAS or withdraw sponsorship at its discretion.
- (g) If the University decides not to sponsor an applicant, an appeal or complaint can be submitted using the Admissions Complaints and Appeals Policy. Once submitted, a panel of senior members of staff, including the Head of Admissions, will consider the case carefully before deciding whether to uphold or reject the complaint/appeal. The decision of this panel is final.
- (h) As part of the Student Visa sponsorship assessment, students are asked to declare their previous criminal convictions. This is because the Immigration Rules include a provision to refuse the application of someone with certain criminal convictions, under the general grounds for refusal.

- (i) CAS sponsorship can only be assigned within six months of the course start date. For further information please check www.city.ac.uk/international/visa immigration-advice
- (j) In the event that your application for a Student Visa is refused, the University will not provide you with a CAS for future Student Visa applications.

7.3 Applicants under the age of 18

(a) The University encourages applications from suitable students, irrespective of age. There is no formal stage in the application process where age will be a factor in the academic assessment.

(b) [The full policy](#) outlines the regulations on the admission and treatment of students who will be considered minors when they commence.

(c) If an applicant will be under the age of 18 at the point of starting their studies, and they accept an offer to study with City St George's, the University will write to the applicant to seek a response from their parent/guardian.

(d) No applicant under the age of 18 will be admitted by the University unless an Acknowledgement Form has been signed and returned to the Admissions Office and meets the criteria as determined in [the Under 18's Admissions Policy](#)

(e) During the Main Cycle (October – June) the Acknowledgement Form must be signed and returned with 4 weeks of receipt.

(f) During Clearing (July – September) the Acknowledgement Form must be signed and returned within 5 days of receipt.

(g) Outside of the application process itself, there are age-related limitations to a student's fitness to study and practice. These limitations are particularly in relation to the minimum age a student must be to undertake mandatory assessments or placements outside of the university environment.

(h) The University Admissions Office is responsible for sharing the details of applicants under the age of 18 with all relevant parties, to ensure effective safeguarding.

(i) Further details of the use of data as part of this policy are available [here](#).

(j) Applicants under the age of 18 should also familiarise themselves with the [University's Safeguarding Policy](#).

7.4 Criminal convictions

(a) City St George's, University of London wishes to ensure that higher education is available to all who will benefit from it. In this context, having a criminal record will not necessarily mean that an applicant cannot be admitted to their chosen course. Overall, however, the University must also balance its responsibilities to provide a safe and secure environment and community for its staff, students, visitors, and others. In addition, the University also has to take into account the demands of various professional bodies and requirements under the law to protect special categories of people, e.g., children or vulnerable adults.

(b) Courses taught by our School of Health and Medical Sciences may have particular requirements in the admissions process relating to the disclosure of warnings, reprimands, cautions and criminal convictions which are dealt with on a specific course basis and require applicants to agree to submit to criminal record checks by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Further information on this is available [here](#).

(c) The University operates a separate Policy and Procedure for applications from students with a criminal conviction which should be read together with this policy. This policy is available [here](#).

7.5 Occupational Health

City St George's, University of London has an obligation to provide a safe environment for patients, staff, and students. Applicants to clinical courses are required to undertake further requirements for entry in conjunction with the University's Occupational Health Team. Details of these requirements can be found [here](#).

7.6 Asylum seekers and refugees

(a) All applicants have an opportunity to identify as an asylum seeker. An applicant's immigration status has no impact on the outcome of their application.

(b) The University has a specific Sanctuary Scholarship for anyone identifying as an Asylum Seeker. To support this, the University Admissions Office will share this information with the relevant colleagues to contact applicants about this possibility.

(c) This is a competitive application process, with the University only awarding three full scholarships. These are available to students from several immigration categories, including:

- Leave as an Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Child (UASC leave)
- Limited Leave to Remain (LL)
- Discretionary Leave to Remain (DL)
- Humanitarian Protection (HP)
- Refugee Status
- Refused Asylum Seeker (fresh claim submitted)
- Asylum Seeker

(d) The University will then assess the applicant's fee status and at that point may require further information on the individual's immigration history.

(e) In the outcome that a student is classified as a refugee, should their immigration status change, they then may request a change in fee status from the University by contacting the Admissions Office. All changes of this kind will only be updated on the 1st of September of the following academic year as per 7.1.

7.7 Disability and additional support needs

(a) The University is committed to providing an inclusive learning environment and therefore welcomes applications from applicants with a disability / specific learning difference or those who require additional support needs. Such applicants will be considered against the same criteria as all others.

(b) A number of different sources of student support are available at the University including disability support, neurodiversity support, academic learning support teams, these can be accessed via this [link](#).

(c) Applicants are encouraged to disclose information on any disability or other additional support need that would help the University proactively identify and provide help with support needs throughout their studies. If an applicant discloses a disability or specific learning difference, then this information will be shared with the relevant support teams who will contact the applicant directly. An applicant will then be able to discuss potential strategies and reasonable adjustments which will enhance their learning experience.

7.8 Support to Study

(a) City St George's, University of London is committed to protecting the health, safety and well-being of all students and stakeholders. In supporting these aims, the University recognises the need for proactive management and support of concerns about a student's well-being and/or behaviour which may be related to ill-health (physical / mental), disability or other reasons.

(b) The University aims to provide a supportive, engaging, and inclusive learning environment for students, conducive to education, research, and a positive student experience. To that end, the University has developed a Fitness to Study Policy and Regulation, of which applicants should be aware.

(c) At no stage does an applicant's fitness to study impact on the academic decision processed on their application. Applicants can view the full regulations [here](#)

7.9 Fitness to Practise (Train)

(a) The fitness to practise policy and procedure is for the management of students and applicant fitness to practise concerns – specifically within the School of Health and Psychological Sciences.

(b) The policy covers awards, progression and registration made by the school and applies to programmes leading to professional qualifications and/or eligibility to apply to a professional register which requires students to undertake periods of experience in practice settings. The University, in conjunction with the professional and regulatory bodies, has a duty to ensure the student is fit to practise during and up to the point of registration/awarding of qualification of academic credits.

(c) For programmes regulated by professional statutory and regulatory bodies (PSRBs) the University is required to have a Fitness to Practise Policy and Procedure in place to manage fitness to practice. Applicants can view the full policy [here](#).

7.10 Death of an applicant

In the unfortunate circumstance of the death of an applicant, the University will act swiftly to cancel an application we have received from that applicant. Details will so be removed from any CRM's or downward systems to ensure that any emails or contact shall cease as soon as possible. To inform the University of such an event, please contact the Admissions Services via the contact form and mark for the attention of the Head of Admissions

8 ENQUIRIES: INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

8.1 Commitment to this area

The University is committed to helping applicants make informed decisions: and helping to increase the understanding of those who advise students in schools, colleges, charities, and organisations. This relationship is managed in a number of areas and this section of the policy outlines these.

8.2 Enquiries

The University has a main enquiries form, which can be found here: www.city.ac.uk/contact. The University aims to respond to all enquiries within five working days. For enquires for programmes taught on the Tooting campus, contact details can be found at <https://www.sgul.ac.uk/study/contact-us>.

8.3 Schools liaison and Outreach

The Schools Liaison and International Recruitment team at the University attend Higher Education Fairs and Exhibitions and run talks, workshops, and activities to support students across the UK, EU and overseas with applications to the University. The team are also the main point of contact for prospective students, parents, teachers, and advisers who would like more information about studying at City St Georges, University of London.

8.4 Accuracy of information

- (a) The University will provide information to prospective students through a number of different sources: face-to-face, via partners, email, website, and printed publications.
- (b) The University will aim to ensure all of the relevant channels we use are providing information that is accurate. In some instances, like prospectuses, some of the information published may be subsequently updated.
- (c) The University would encourage all applicants and advisors to use our website for the most up-to-date information.

8.5 Communication of changes

- (a) In line with CMA regulations outlined in section 3, the University has a duty to inform all prospective students of any material changes to the information they may have viewed throughout their research process.
- (b) The University will use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that changes are kept to a minimum, but if the University is required to make any material changes to the terms of the contract or programme (as described in the Offer and/or prospectus) before the applicant registers at City St George's, University of London, the University shall bring these to the attention of the applicant as soon as possible.

8.6 Website

- (a) The University website is the definitive source of information for prospective students. The University will ensure that the information available to prospective students on the website is accurate, timely and helpful.

(b) As outlined above, the University aims to highlight where this information changes over time for all prospective students. Depending on the level of change, this will be communicated either in writing via email or on the website.

8.7 Contact details

The University is committed to providing the highest quality information, advice, and guidance possible. Across all course pages and relevant sections of the website, the University aims to give applicants clear details on how they can contact us for further information. On all course pages the contact details of the relevant admissions officer will be found in the footer of the page.

8.8 Agent activity and relationships

(a) As stated in section 2, the University contracts education agents in all regions of the world to refer students to the University and assist them in the application and predeparture process. The University carefully selects agents through a rigorous set of checks to ensure that they comply with all relevant legislation and provide a good service to students.

(b) Depending upon the size of the agent they may offer all or one of the following services: individual counselling and institution selection; personal statement advice; management of the application process; accommodation, visa and funding advice and pre-departure briefings. The University's agents are monitored on an annual basis.

(c) The Admissions team cannot discuss the details of any applications with an agent without the permission of the applicant. Where an applicant would like to give permission for the University to liaise directly with the designated agent, this must be detailed in the application or communicated to the University in writing.

9 APPLICANT BEHAVIOUR, COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

9.1 Applicant Behaviour

(a) City St George's, University of London students are at the heart of the Institution's commitment to academic excellence for business and the professions and are supported to achieving positive academic and professional goals.

(b) Our Student Charter has been developed by both staff and students and outlines our mutual responsibilities and aspirations.

(c) We hold our applicants to the same code of conduct as our students. We expect applicants to act as ambassadors for City St George's, University of London at all times on campus, in the community and in any public or online forum associated with the University. Applicants must behave responsibly and maintain standards of good conduct, in line with the Institution's Codes of Conduct, at all times.

(d) Applicants should also comply with principles of dignity and respect and behave in accordance with the Institution's Student Harassment and Bullying Policy and Student Sexual Misconduct Policy. Harassing, bullying or anti-social behaviour, or any other form of misconduct, on or off campus, online or in-person, can negatively affect the good order of the Institution and disrupt the positive learning and wider experience of others.

(e) For applicants, one of the possible outcomes of such an action is that you have your Offer to study at the Institution withdrawn.

9.2 Admissions Complaints Procedure

(a) A complaint should be raised where an applicant has a specific concern related to a procedural error, irregularity, or maladministration in the admissions process. City St George's, University of London operates a three-stage process for applicant complaints.

(b) In the first instance, applicants should raise concerns informally with City St George's, University of London staff at the point the concern arises. Applicants may informally contact their named admissions contact in the relevant Admissions Office or School. Staff will take reasonable steps to explain any relevant procedures, resolve concerns and respond promptly to any issues raised.

Concerns should be raised as soon as possible after the incident that has given cause for complaint has arisen. Informal concerns which are raised at Stage 1 more than one month after the incident occurred may be deemed to be out of time and may not be considered.

(c) For details of how to access the correct contact information and for full details on the admissions complaints procedure, applicants should view the [policy](#).

(d) This complaints procedure is only relevant to applicants and offer-holders. Current students should visit [here](#).

9.3 Admissions Appeals Procedure

(a) City St George's, University of London does not routinely provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants. However, feedback can be provided to individuals upon request. This would normally be to the Department to which the applicant has applied.

(b) An appeal should be brought if an applicant seeks a formal review of the University's decision on their application because they believe an incorrect decision has been made about their application. City St George's, University of London operates a three-stage process for applicant appeals.

(c) In the first instance, applicants who wish to appeal a decision should raise it with the staff in the relevant Admissions Office by asking for feedback on why their application was unsuccessful.

(d) The request for feedback should be made within one month of the reject decision.

(e) For details of how to access the correct contact information and for full details on the admissions appeal procedure, applicants should visit [here](#).

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