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University
of Dundee

UCAS Personal Statements

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UCAS – 5 Choices

A

1 course at 5 different universities

B

1 university with 5 different courses

C

Combination of different courses at different universities

- One personal statement for all 5 choices
- Complete thorough course and university research
- Make realistic choices
- Be confident that your choices meet your personal requirements

It is advisable to always use all of your 5 choices, fill empty choices with insurance options



Timeframes

September

- Can submit UCAS application
- Open Days

October

- **15th – Deadline** for Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary and those applying to Oxford/ Cambridge

January

- **15th – Deadline**
- Interviews for Medicine and Dentistry

May/June

- Must reply to university offers

Remember!
Check for your school deadline.

Plan your own timeframes



Crafting your personal statement

- Course choices
- Studies and other achievements
- Work experience
- Hobbies and interest
- Career aim



Personal Statement



Do	Don't
→ Check your spelling and grammar	→ Waste space listing courses
→ Be clear and concise	→ Be over the top and unrealistic
→ Make relevant links to your chosen course	→ Be over confident/arrogant
→ Include extracurricular activities	→ Use colloquial language
→ Show interest in the curriculum	→ Use cliché openings
→ Use the full text allowance	→ Mention one particular university if applying to others
→ Have good structure and flow	→ Be too short or vague
→ Be positive	→ Plagiarise
→ Write and rewrite	
→ Make best use of guides.	



Possible Additional Requirements

- Communication
- Leadership
- Interpersonal skills
- Self-motivating
- Problem solving
- Social involvement
- Team work
- Commitment
- Honesty
- Work under pressure
- Analysis of information
- Responsibilities

Which requirements are most relevant for your course?





Linking your strengths to your chosen course

ABC

Activity – What have you done?

Benefit – What skills/knowledge/experience has it give you?

Course – How does that relate to your chosen course?



Competitive Programmes

- Medicine
- Dentistry
- Nursing & Midwifery
- Primary Teaching
- Veterinary Medicine
- Allied Health programmes
- Law
- Humanities
- Niche programmes





Selection

- Competition creates higher entry requirements
- Need for selection tests (UKCAT, BMAT, LNAT) or selection assignment
- Importance of personal statement
- Intensive interview process (Panel, Group, MMI)
- Ensure candidates are selecting the course for the correct reasons
- Each university will have its own selection criteria and you can play this to your strengths



City of Dundee

- Vibrant student city
- £1 billion riverfront redevelopment
- UK's only UNESCO City of Design
- Ideally located to access the rest of Scotland





Aerial view of campus

Our campus in a vibrant student city

- 12,500 students on campus
- campus in the city
- en-suite student halls, sport facilities, world-leading laboratories
- award-winning student union



Our Schools



University of Dundee library

Duncan of Jordanstone
College of Art and Design

School of Dentistry

School of Education and
Social Work

School of Humanities

School of Business

School of Life Sciences

School of Medicine

School of Nursing and
Health Sciences

School of Science and
Engineering

School of Social Sciences



Student sports and societies

- 190+ student societies
- wide range of sport facilities
- award-winning student TV and radio
- Dundee University Students' Association (DUSA) 1st in Scotland and 3rd in the UK*





Why go to a virtual open day?

- To get more detail on the course
- To see facilities
- Speak to staff and current students
- To find out more about the wider city/area
- Opportunities available outside of your studies
- Finance options
- Ability to ask questions anonymously





Planning to attend an virtual open day

- Tend to happen between June and October, weekday and weekends,
- Book in advance
- Speak to your parents/guardians, are they going to attend?
- Attend more than one

Where can I find out about open days?

- Main university webpages
- [opendays.com](https://www.opendays.com)

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/open-days/>

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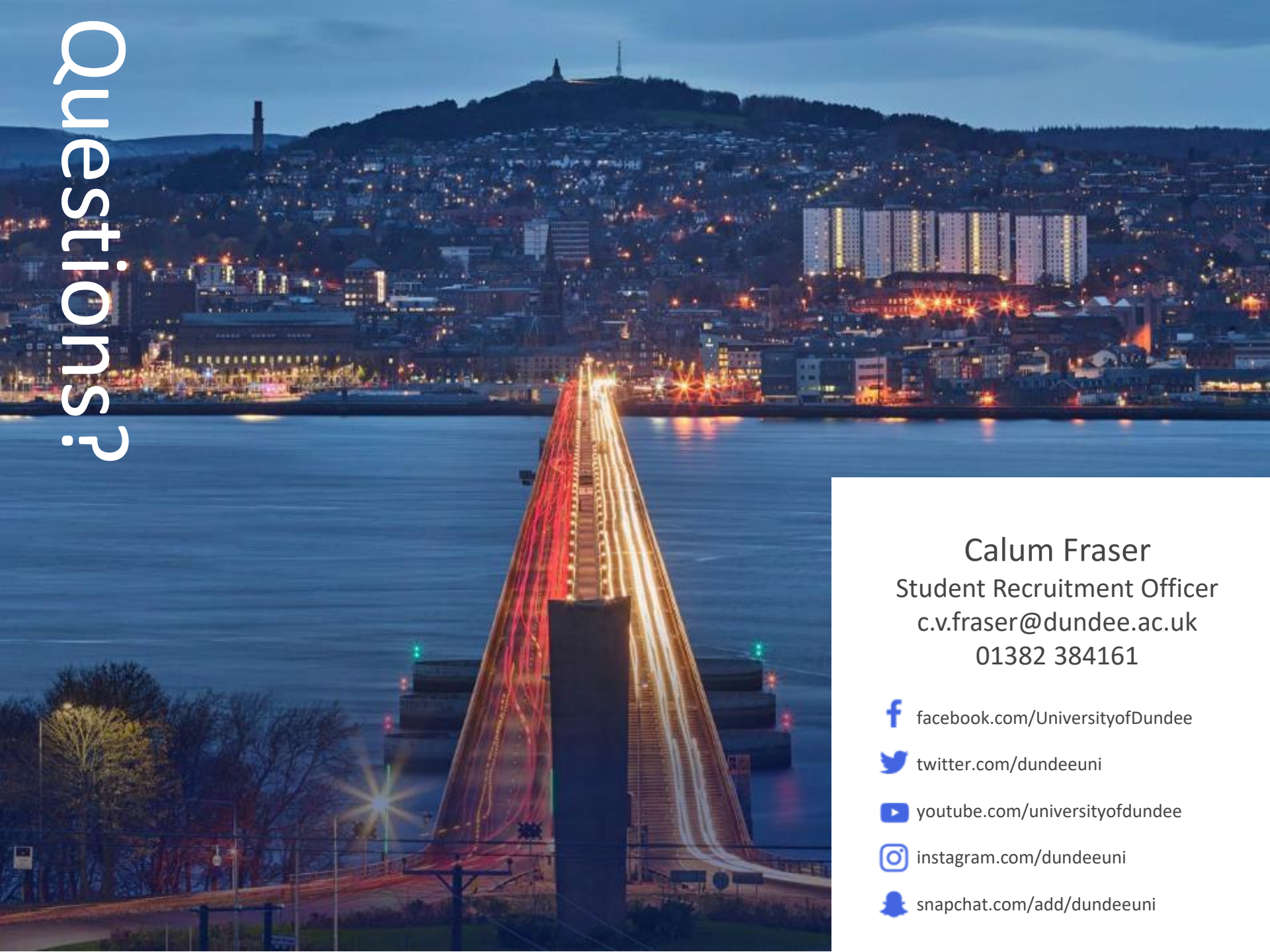
Upcoming events

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/open-days/>

<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/virtual-tour/>



Questions?



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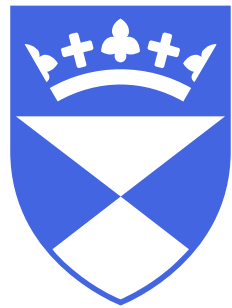
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