



How to Complete your Application Go Higher Access Diploma Application

Thank you for your interest in the **Go Higher Access Diploma (Humanities and Social Sciences)** at the University of Liverpool.

Applying for Go Higher is a simple 3-stage process:

1. You complete and submit an application form including a personal statement;
2. Your application is considered by the Go Higher Admissions Team;
3. You will be contacted within 3 weeks of receipt of your application form with the outcome. If your application is successful at review stage, you will be invited to an interview and entry assessment. Please state on the application form any days you would not be available to attend an interview and entry assessment.

It is important that you read through all the information provided below before applying for the programme.

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1. Eligibility Criteria

Before completing the application, please read the following points carefully. For you to successfully complete the Go Higher programme and gain the most from your studies you should have:

- a) Basic IT skills including being able to email using attachments, process a document using Microsoft Word and search the internet.

If English is not your first language you should have:

- b) As part of the application process, candidates are required to demonstrate the necessary standard of written and spoken English to succeed on the Go Higher Diploma and progress to an undergraduate programme. Students who have English as a second language will be required to provide an IELTS Certificate at level 6.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each band (or equivalent) to progress to a degree at the University of Liverpool. This requirement is lifted if a Go Higher programme pass mark of 60% or over is achieved.
- c) If you wish to progress to a degree programme at another institution, or to a specific degree at the University of Liverpool, you are strongly advised to check that Go Higher is suitable to meet the entry requirements.

2. Fees

The Fees for the academic session 2026-2027 will be subject to an increase. As a guideline the fees for 2025-2026 were:

- £1100: Full Fees, payable in three instalments (includes the Registration Fee)
- £100: Registration Fee. This is available to applicants in receipt of a means-tested benefit such as Job Seeker's Allowance, council-tax or housing benefit, Universal Credit, Working Families' Tax Credit, etc . Applicants must be in direct receipt of the benefits themselves.
- £5,750: International Student Fees

The Registration Fee or the first instalment of other fees are payable at the beginning of September (and by early November).

Please note that Go Higher students are not eligible to apply for Student Loans and are therefore self-funded.

It is therefore important that you budget for fees and study costs including your travel to/from campus. Please see the [study costs page](#) for more information.

3. How to apply

Step 1: Completing your Application Form

Please note you need to:

- complete all sections of the application form in MS Word or a similar application; please don't just send a CV;
- have an email address which we will use to contact you;
- send the reference form to your referee for them to complete and email directly to gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk

Section 1: Personal Details

Please ensure we have all your contact information including your email address. We will contact you by email if we have any queries and to organise the interview and entry assessment.

We do ask you for your country of birth; we welcome applications from all nationalities. Your nationality and visa status is not a factor in any decision making. However, the University is required to check right to study of all international applicants, so please provide copies of your passport and immigration documentation as part of your application if you were born outside the UK. This may be a visa inside your passport, a separate Biometric Residence Permit card or a sharecode for us to access your online visa status. If you have any queries regarding this please contact our Visa Compliance team on visa.collection@liverpool.ac.uk.

Section 2: Education

Please include copies of your certificates with your application, if available. Please do not include original certificates as we are not able to return them to you. You may be asked to provide originals when you start.

Section 3: Employment

This section is to provide the Go Higher Admissions Team about your employment, skills and experience. This section does not need to only include paid employment, this could include volunteering. If you have no employment or volunteering experience leave this section blank.

Section 4: Disability

We welcome applications from disabled students and those with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, and their applications will be considered on the same academic grounds as those of other students. We will contact applicants who indicate a disability on their application and subsequently accept an offer of a place to study at the University. We will invite them to discuss their support needs with a member of the Disability Advice and Guidance Team so that any necessary support can be arranged. Further information on the Disability Advice and Guidance Team may be found [here](#).

Section 5: Care Leavers

We welcome applications from students who have had experience of being in local authority care and have a member of staff with specific responsibility to support applicants who are care-experienced. We will contact offer holders who indicate on their application form that they have been in care to let them know about the support we are able to offer.

Section 6: Applicants with Refugee Status

We welcome applications from students who have been granted Refugee Status by the UK government. We will contact offer holders who indicate on their application form that they have Refugee Status to let them know about the support we are able to offer.

Section 7: Previous Go Higher

Tick this box if you applied or previously studied on Go Higher before and if yes, please give approximate dates.

Section 8: Referee

To be offered a place we will need a reference from someone who knows you enough to comment on your suitability for the Go Higher programme. This should be, for example, a current or former employer or current or former tutor. Please give or send this [reference form](#) to your referee and ask them to email it to us at gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk. Unfortunately, we cannot accept references from your family members or friends who have studied Go Higher. If you have any concerns about this, please get in touch with us. We will ask for an additional reference if necessary.

Section 9: Personal Statement

Your Personal Statement should be between 150 and 300 words long and tell us a bit about yourself, your background and interests, and why you have decided to apply to Go Higher.

Please also tell us what you expect to gain from it and what in particular appeals to you about the programme, your future aims or career plans, and how the programme connects to your future plans.

Section 10: Fees

If you are unsure of what fee you will have to pay, please contact the Go Higher team on 0151 794 1433 or gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk. You can also contact the University of Liverpool Student Fees Team directly at feesenq@liverpool.ac.uk for advice. You should also be aware that if you start the programme and then leave, you may still be liable for a portion or all of your fees.

Step 2: Submitting your application form

Please email your application form to gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk as an attachment by the deadline. Please make sure the application is saved in a .doc or .docx format. If you do choose

to use a file sharing service (e.g. OneDrive) please make sure the permissions allow for us to open it. If we are unable to open a file we will ask you to resubmit your application to us.

Step 3: Attending an Interview and Assessment

If your application is successful in the initial consideration by the Go Higher Admissions Team we will invite you to attend an interview and assessment. You will be contacted within 3 weeks of the submission of your application form.

Assessments take place at the University of Liverpool campus from January 2026 onwards in a computer suite.

You will have a choice of completing your interview at the University of Liverpool campus or online. If you are coming to campus we endeavour for your interview and entry assessment to take place on the same day.

Please state on the application form any days and times you would not be available to attend an interview (e.g. specific holiday dates, times of day or specific days you would be unavailable due to commitments which cannot be changed).

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- For your application to be considered for interviews and entry assessments in January-March 2025 please apply by 10th December 2025.
- For your application to be considered for interviews and entry assessments in April 2025 please apply by 5th March 2026.
- All applications from 5th March 2026 will be considered for interviews and entry assessments in May, June and July 2026

About the assessment:

This will take place in a computer suite on the University of Liverpool campus.

There are two parts to the assessment. The first part is a literacy assessment which involves some grammar questions and a comprehension test. The second part is a maths assessment, the first questions must be done without a calculator, but you can use one for the second group of questions.

The assessment is nothing to worry about; it just helps us understand your skills and makes sure you get the best from the programme. All applicants are required to do the assessment.

About the interview:

The interview is an informal interview with two members of the Go Higher tutor team. You have a choice of this being in person on the University of Liverpool campus or online.

Information for applicants with convictions:

If you have any relevant or unspent convictions we would ask you to complete the online declaration form below should you receive an offer of a place on the Go Higher programme. This ensures that we are able to offer the correct level of support to you during the application process and allows us to assess whether the University will offer a safe environment for you and others, should you register as a student.

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/policies-and-statements/self-declaration-form/>

Next steps:

Following your application, entry assessment and interview we will contact you with the outcome.

If you don't hear from us within three weeks of submitting your application form, please contact the Go Higher team on 0151 794 1433 or gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk.

For more information on the programme please see

<https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/humanities-and-social-sciences/go-higher/>