



How to Complete your Application Go Higher Access Diploma Application

Thank you for your interest in the **Go Higher Access Diploma at The University of Liverpool.**

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

Step 1: You submit an application form and personal statement

Step 2: Your application is considered by the Go Higher Admissions Team

Step 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 online interview. Please state on the form any days you would not be available to attend an interview.

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

- Download an application, complete and email it with any other documents to us at gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk. You can download an application form [here](#)

If you have problems downloading the application and guidance then please contact the Go Higher team on 0808 100 6060/0151 794 1433 or email to gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk.

Final closing date is 25th July at 12noon.

You are encouraged to apply early. Please reply by 14th December 2023 for interviews in January/February 2024 and by 7th March 2024 for interviews in April and May 2024.

Eligibility Criteria

Before completing the application please read the following points carefully. In order 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 programme pass mark of 60% or over is achieved.

Finally,

- 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.

Fees

The Fees for the academic session 2024-2025 will be subject to an increase but as a guideline the fees for 2023-24 are as follows:

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The Registration Fee or the first instalment of other fees are payable at the beginning of September.

- **£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
- **£5,750:** International student

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

Step 1: Completing your Application Form

Please note you need to:

- **complete the application form. Please don't just attach a CV;**
- **complete all sections of the application form in BLOCK CAPITALS;**

- **have an email address which we will use to contact you.**

Section 1: Personal Details

Please ensure we have all your contact information including your email. We will contact you by email if we have any queries, to give you more information about your Personal Statement and to organise your interview.

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 4: Disability/Special Needs

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 at: Disability Advice and Guidance - Student Services - University of Liverpool

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 of the support we are able to offer. More details about our arrangements for care leavers may be found at: Care Leavers - Student Services - University of Liverpool

Section 6: Previous Go Higher

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

Section 7: Referee

In order for you to be offered a place on the programme, 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 the attached 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 8: Personal Statement

Your personal statement should be word-processed in Microsoft Word, and **emailed as an attachment** to gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk with your application form.

We ask you to do this because, as a student on Go Higher, you will need basic IT skills including word-processing, using attachments and searching the internet for information. By word-processing and sending your personal statement to us by email we can be sure that you have the basic skills needed to get the most from Go Higher. Please ensure to word-process and send your Personal Statement *yourself* – please do not worry if this is not done perfectly it will not affect your application.

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.

If we don't receive your Personal Statement and reference we won't be able to consider your application.

Section 9: Fees

If you are unsure of what fee you will have to pay please contact the Go Higher team on 0808 100 6060/0151 794 1433 or gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk. You can also contact the University of Liverpool Student Fees Team directly at feeseng@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: Attending an Interview and Assessment

Application: If you are successful in the initial consideration by the Go Higher Admissions Team we will invite you to attend an interview and assessment. We will be arranging Informal interviews remotely within three weeks from application review through until July 2024. Please state on the form any days you would not be available to attend an interview.

Assessment: The online assessment will be completed using online survey software and the link to this will be sent within your Interview Letter. There are two parts to the assessment; one 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.

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