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 of the initial consideration

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

Due to current restrictions we can only accept email applications and are unable to accept any hard copies, so please do not send applications in the post or bring them to the University.

- Download an application, complete and email it with any other documents to us at gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk. You can download an application from 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.

The closing date for applications is Friday 16th April 2021

Due to current restrictions we will be arranging informal interviews remotely within a couple of weeks from application approval through until 14th May 2021
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, word process a document and search the internet.

If English is not your first language you should have:

b) An IELTS Certificate at level 6.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each band or above (or equivalent).

If English is not your first language you will need ideally to provide evidence of an English Language Qualification at IELTS level 6.5 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each band or equivalent. If you are planning to apply for a degree at the University of Liverpool you will not be able to do this unless you have an appropriate English Language qualification. More information can be found here http://www.liv.ac.uk/study/international/countries/english-language/

Finally,

c) GCSE Grade C or 4 in English and Mathematics or equivalent are preferred but not essential for a place on Go Higher. However, these are essential if you wish to progress onto an undergraduate degree programme in teaching, social work and some other vocational disciplines. If you intend to progress on to a specific degree, you are strongly advised to check that programme’s entry requirements with the admissions tutor for the department.

Fees

The current course fees for 2020-21 are listed below; please note these will change for 2021/2022. The Registration Fee or the first instalment of other fees are payable at the beginning of September. Please note that you would not be eligible for any Advanced Learner Loans.

- £995: 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, Working Families’ Tax Credit, etc
- £497.50: Half Fees are payable for those students over 60 years and not receiving a means-tested benefit (includes the Registration Fee)
- £5,160: International students

Please note that Go Higher students are not eligible to apply for the Advanced Learner Loan 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.

We are asking applicants to indicate if they were home-schooled for more than two school years. This is not a factor in selection and will not affect the University’s decision as to whether or not to offer you a place. Having this information is helpful for us for academic support.

Section 4: Disability/Special Needs

A student’s disability is not a factor in selection. Telling us you have a disability or health need will not affect the University’s decision as to whether or not to offer you a place. Any information provided will remain strictly confidential. It is important for the University to know of any disability for the purposes of monitoring equal opportunities and to ensure that the University can provide students with appropriate facilities and support.

Section 5: Care Leavers

The University of Liverpool is committed to supporting care leavers throughout their time at University. We would encourage you to declare this so that we can contact you to find out if you would like any support or advice.

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 course, we will need a reference from someone who knows you enough to comment on your suitability for the Go Higher course. 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 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 course, your future aims or career plans, and how the course 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 feesenq@liverpool.ac.uk for advice. You should also be aware that if you start the course 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. Due to current restrictions we will be arranging Informal interviews remotely within a couple of weeks from application approval through until 14th May 2021

**Assessment:** 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. We will send the assessment to you via email following your interview. You will get 48 hours to email your completed assessment back to us. 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.

If you don’t hear from us within three weeks of submitting your application please contact the Go Higher team on 0808 100 6060/0151 794 1433 or gohigher@liverpool.ac.uk.