

UNIVERSITY OF
Southampton

Access to Southampton (A2S)

2021 Entry

WHAT IS ACCESS TO SOUTHAMPTON?

A2S is a programme of activities and resources to support your university application and help develop the skills you need to reach your potential as an undergraduate student. Whilst the format of the programme has changed due to COVID-19, we are still dedicated to supporting students with the transition to University.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Open to students in Year 12, permanently living in the UK who meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- In the first generation of immediate family to apply to Higher Education
- In receipt of a 16-19 bursary or similar grant OR in receipt of FSM at any point during secondary school education
- Attended secondary school that achieved below the national average GCSE score in 2019 (Attainment 8)
- Living or grew up in Local Authority care OR are estranged from your family
- Are a Young Carer
- Current home postcode shows that you live in an area with low progression to HE (lowest 2 POLAR4 quintiles).
- Current home post code shows that you live in area that falls within the lowest 20 per cent of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).

THE PROGRAMME

There are 3 main elements to our revised A2S programme.

Academic Insight

E-Mentoring

Skills and Transition
Support

ACADEMIC INSIGHT

Commencing mid-August 2020

- A chance to gain insight into your chosen subject or wider discipline, through resources posted to the University Virtual Learning Environment by academics and students
- Access online sessions on skills needed for higher education, designed to broaden your understanding of studying at a research led university. To consolidate your learning we may ask you to submit short formative assessments based on the topics covered.

E-MENTORING

Late September 2020—April 2021

- Matched as part of a group with a current University student
- Explore subject focussed topics
- E-mentors share advice/info on a range of areas, such as;
 - Finance and budgeting
 - The transition to Uni
 - A day in the life of a student



CALVIN TINASHE TIGERE

MEng Aeronautics & Astronautics with
Spacecraft Engineering

“The mentoring was a chance for me to talk to a current student and ask any questions about their experiences, settling any concerns or worries I had.

I believe this was vital for when I attended university as I felt prepared and comfortable, making the transition much easier.”



SKILLS AND TRANSITION SUPPORT

Easter 2021

- A day of workshops to help support your transition to University, developing your preparedness for HE
- Including sessions on areas such as writing skills, time management and dealing with stress
- We aim to run this as an on-campus event.

BENEFITS

- Applicants who complete the programme in full will be eligible to receive:
 - Additional **admissions consideration** when you apply to the University
 - £1000 **scholarship** in your first year of study
 - Information about other opportunities throughout your degree

MORE INFORMATION

www.southampton.ac.uk/a2s

- Online application
 - Includes short personal statement and reference from school/college
- Closing date 30 June 2020



YOUR QUESTIONS

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