



Sutton Trust Summer School

"The lectures and personal development sessions hold great academic value and will be crucial in making decisions in the near future. I had the best week, and I can't thank the Sutton Trust enough for the opportunity!"
- Programme participant, 2025

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About the Sutton Trust

Transform individual lives

We support 12,000 high attaining young people each year from less advantaged backgrounds to access leading universities and careers

Sutton Trust do-tank model

◀ Data and insights generated in both programmes and research strengthen all aspects of the Trust's activities as well as building credibility in our advocacy work ▶

Drive systemic change

Leverage our credibility and high-quality research to influence real policy change on the root causes of low social mobility from birth to the workplace

Sutton Trust Summer Schools

Will provide you with the confidence and skills needed to choose where to apply and what to study, be competitive applicants wherever that is, and find support with a network of new friends

What's in it for you

Over 40 different courses

Top tier university partners

Taster academic sessions

Social events and activities



What happens on a typical Summer School?

Stay in university accommodation

Make friends from all around the country

Attend academic sessions and workshops

Explore sports or societies at university

Develop key skills such as confidence

Decide whether university is for you



Where do the summer schools take place?

Sutton Trust summer schools are available at 13 leading universities

- Durham University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Cambridge
- University of Glasgow
- Imperial College London
- University of Sheffield
- University of Nottingham
- University of Southampton
- Royal Veterinary College
- UCL
- University of Warwick
- University of St Andrews
- Cardiff University



Why take part?

Sutton Trust students are

**4 times
more likely**

to receive an offer
from a top university



Why take part?

**Sutton Trust
programmes are
completely free to
attend!**



Mandatory criteria

Students currently in:

✓ Year 12 (England and Wales)

✓ Year 13 (Northern Ireland)

✓ S5 (Scotland)

✓ Attend, and have always attended, a state (non fee-paying) school

Social mobility criteria

We look at other criteria including:

✓ Grades achieved

✓ Your background

✓ Your school's context

✓ Where you live

Testimonial

"I would tell people who question whether they should apply or not – not to worry, the Sutton Trust were extremely generous to me providing free accommodation, food, and a memorable experience. The friends I made on the experience helped boost my confidence that perhaps university life is not as difficult as many say it is.

Summer School 2025 Participant



Sutton Trust Online (STO)

This fully digital programme is an added benefit to participating on a summer school. This one-stop-shop platform provides expert resources and webinars on exploring, applying to, preparing for and succeeding at top universities and apprenticeships.

What's in it for you

Personal Statement builder tool and mentor

Q&A with admissions staff and students

Exclusive webinars on student finance, interviews, and admissions tests

Potential A-Level tutoring via UpLearn



Alumni Community – Post Summer School

Support with transition to university or apprenticeship

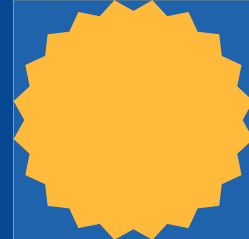
Careers and employability resources

Exclusive internships and programmes

Partnerships with other organisations

In-person and online events

Volunteering opportunities



Application Window

- Applications for all Summer Schools will open on Monday 12 January 2026
- Applications for the University of Cambridge Summer School will close on Thursday 12 February 2026
- Applications for all other universities and courses (including all university and course changes) will close on Thursday 5 March 2026 at midday
- The deadline for teacher/adviser references will be Wednesday 11 March 2026





Let's get started

Find out more and apply:

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Any questions?

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