

Outreach programme eligibility criteria

Our programmes receive many applications, so we use the criteria set out below to assess who is eligible to participate. You should also check the specific outreach programme webpage for any extra details.

You can help us to accurately assess your application by **providing all of the information** requested as part of your application. We use this to produce an overall score that will help us to decide who is offered a place.

We are looking for applicants who have a keen interest in science and/or maths and assess all applications based on the following criteria:

- We give priority to young people who have [been in care](#)
- We also give priority to young people who [live independently](#) (estranged), which means you no longer have the support of your family due to a breakdown in the relationship which has led to ceased contact. This might mean your biological, step or adoptive parents, or wider family members who have supported you in the past.
- You are a [young carer](#) and have caring responsibilities for a close relative with a disability, long-term illness, mental health condition, or drug or alcohol problem
- You live in a neighbourhood with low overall progression rates to higher education or high levels of deprivation (we use [POLAR4](#) and [IMD](#) data to assess this)
- You are eligible for free school meals or pupil premium
- Your household income is below £50,000 a year
- Your parents/guardians do not have a university degree
- You are studying in a school in the UK that has below average attainment and/or a high percentage of students eligible for free school meals*
- You attend a state school (non fee-paying) in the United Kingdom. If you attend an independent school, you must receive a full bursary that covers your fees.

We are looking for applicants who are on track to meet the entry requirements for a degree course at Imperial College London, so you must meet the relevant academic criteria below.

Academic criteria for Outreach programmes in 2020/21
For Year 9 to 11 students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expect to study science and maths in your post-16 studies• Be studying at least eight GCSEs (or equivalent)• Be on track to achieve a minimum of five GCSEs at grades 7-9, including maths and sciences• Be on track to achieve a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE English Language
For Year 12 and 13 students
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expect to study a science, technology, engineering or maths degree at university• Have achieved a minimum of eight GCSEs with at least five at grades 7-9, including maths and sciences• Have achieved a minimum of a grade 5 in GCSE English Language• Be on track to achieve at least two A grades out of a minimum of three subjects at A-level (or equivalent)
Check the individual outreach programme webpage for any specific subject requirements.