

Outreach programme eligibility criteria

Our programmes receive many applications, so we encourage you to carefully read the information below and any extra details on the specific programme page.

You can help us to accurately assess your application by **providing all of the information** requested as part of your application.

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*

Click on the links included in the text above to find out more information.