What previous Access to Leeds students have to say about the scheme:

‘The subject specific assignment was a very good starter to my course. I actually enjoyed writing it and it was good preparation for my first year modules.’
Samantha, Television Production

‘The Access to Leeds scheme enabled me to take the first steps into university life. I found it very useful to have contact with members of University staff especially those from the School of English.’
Erica, English

‘Although doing two assignments seemed daunting at first, it was actually the perfect opportunity to see what it is like to research and write an essay as an undergraduate.’
Rokeyya, International History and Politics

‘Access to Leeds was one of the best things that ever happened to me. I met with University staff who I can contact if I ever have a problem and the Access to Leeds team informed me about scholarships so that I have the money to study.’
Adil, Medicine

Benefits of the Access to Leeds scheme

- Receive special consideration from admissions tutors when your UCAS form is received
- Alternative entry offer for your course
- Prepare for University with A2L module
- Receive University tuition before the start of your course
- Participate in pre-registration activities

Financial Support

If your course charges the full £9,000 fees and is not funded by the NHS, the university will offer financial support in addition to the loans and grants you can receive from the government. If you’re eligible, you can choose between a tuition fee discount, a discount on University-owned accommodation or a cash sum.

There is also a variety of scholarships available which have been designed to support students from a range of backgrounds and household incomes. Access to Leeds students will receive special consideration for many of these awards, please visit the webpage below for full details of what funding could be available to you.

For full information on your eligibility for this and other funding, visit www.leeds.ac.uk/yourfinances or contact the Scholarships team at ug scholar ships@leeds.ac.uk

For further information please e-mail accesstoleeds@leeds.ac.uk or call 0113 343 8952.
What is Access to Leeds?

Access to Leeds is the University of Leeds’s alternative admissions scheme. The scheme guarantees special consideration for applicants whose personal circumstances have affected their ability to demonstrate talent and potential through grades alone.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible for the scheme you should have the potential to study at the University of Leeds and meet two or more of the following criteria:

- In the first generation of your immediate family to apply to higher education
- Attend or have attended a school which achieved less than the national average 5 A*–C passes (including English & maths) at GCSE
- Only option is to attend a local university
- Studies disrupted by circumstances in your personal, social or domestic life
- Live in or grew up in public care
- Live in a geographical area with low levels of progression on to higher education
- In receipt of Free School Meals during your GCSE studies OR from a household with a gross annual income of £25,000 or below.

How does it work?

If you are eligible for the scheme and receive a standard offer for your chosen course you will also receive an Access to Leeds offer 40 UCAS tariff points below the standard offer.

This offer is conditional upon successful completion of the Access to Leeds module and making the University of Leeds your firm choice.

Please note that the Access to Leeds scheme does not guarantee an offer from the University of Leeds.

The Access to Leeds module

The module is a unique opportunity designed to aid your transition to university life, giving you a head start on other students by providing access to University academics, resources and ICT facilities. The module includes a study skills and subject specific assignment both set at an equivalent academic level to your year 13 studies.

What is the application process?

You need to complete an Access to Leeds application form including a reference from your school or college. You should post the Access to Leeds form to us around the same time that you submit your UCAS application. For an application pack and details of our deadlines please see our website at www.leeds.ac.uk/A2L.

Access to Leeds welcome event

Eligible applicants will be given the opportunity to attend the Access to Leeds welcome event. The welcome event takes place at the University of Leeds each spring and includes study skills activities and the opportunity to meet other Access to Leeds applicants.

Pre-registration day

Successful applicants are also given the opportunity to attend a pre-registration day at the University of Leeds in early September. During this event you can attend workshops on how to manage your money and time at the University as well as being introduced to student life on campus.