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Hi There!

Russell Uni is a premium education consultancy dedicated to helping international students secure places on highly competitive undergraduate and master's degree programmes at leading UK universities. The company offers a fully bespoke, end-to-end service that supports applicants from their initial consultation through to final enrolment. Founded and operated by a team of highly experienced Oxbridge graduates, Russell Uni combines first-hand knowledge of the UK higher education system with a personalised approach designed to maximise each applicant's chances of success.

Services include course selection consultations, detailed application walkthroughs, and strategic advice for competitive university programmes. Students also benefit from personalised 1:1 feedback, admissions test preparation, and English language training where required. Access to university representatives, full visa and accommodation support ensures that every aspect of the student's transition to studying in the UK is handled with professionalism and care. Support continues beyond enrolment, with regular check-ins and ongoing guidance throughout a student's time at university, helping them settle into life in the UK, succeed academically, and make the most of their overall higher education experience.

Key Tutors



Dr Daniel Casey

University application strategist

Dan studied Geography at the University of Cambridge before completing a master's in Environmental Change and International Development and a PhD at the University of Sheffield. He has taught at all levels, including university teaching, to achieve AFHEA status. He specialises in guiding international students find their best-fit university courses by producing highly tailored applications. Dan supports applicants through every stage of securing an offer and checks-in with students in person once they're at university. He is a British Council Registered UK Counsellor.



Dr Clodomiro (Miro) Cafolla

University readiness builder

Miro completed his medical studies at the University of Rome Tor Vergata before pursuing an integrated master's in Physics and a fully funded PhD at Durham University. With first-hand experience as an international student and researcher, he offers tailored 1:1 guidance and group sessions, supporting students develop and enhance academic skills and university readiness. Amongst many parts of the application process, Miro is an expert mock interviewer and offers an extra layer of support to ensure that students thrive once at university.



Dr Freddie O'Donald

Experienced Healthcare Practitioner

Freddie has over 10 years of experience working in the UK's National Health Service (NHS), alongside teaching and supporting students across applied psychology, human sciences, and health-related degree programmes. He has a background in dementia research and professional training in clinical psychology/rehabilitation medicine. Having studied at a range of universities, including Oxford and Edinburgh, he is able to guide applicants considering psychology and a plethora of vocational health courses. Freddie helps Russell Uni conduct relevant psychometric tests for all the applicants we support.



Dr Jem Pearson

Oxbridge scientist and support coach

Having studied at both the University of Oxford and University of Cambridge, over several decades Jem has been able to offer superlative guidance in understanding the nuances of applications, selecting Oxbridge colleges and creating university course shortlists for master's applications. Jem has worked as both a 1:1 subject tutor (Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and taught at UK boarding schools. Jem is very well placed to coach students in both a supportive and strategic manner.



Dr Elizabeth Mackintosh

Critical thinking expert

Elizabeth studied Theology and Philosophy (BA), followed by a master's in Theology (MA) and a PhD in Philosophy at Durham University. A passionate advocate of philosophical enquiry, she delivers critical thinking workshops across the UK, helping students refine their reasoning and argumentation. On this programme, Elizabeth equips applicants with the analytical skills, academic confidence, and intellectual curiosity needed to secure places on and excel in competitive master's courses.



Ms Francesca (Cesca) Berlen

English qualification professional

Cesca completed her studies in Early Childhood Education at Birmingham City University and has since shaped her profile helping individuals develop their English language ability – such as supporting with modules on English as a Foreign Language and also Academic English. Cesca has also worked as an examiner for Cambridge University Press & Assessment and is well versed in enabling students enhance their English proficiency, whether preparing for university entrance exams or readiness for academic studies at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Student Journey with Russell Uni

1	Initial Consultation	The process begins with a detailed one-to-one consultation to understand the student's academic background, career ambitions, and personal interests. This allows the Russell Uni team to assess suitability for different programmes and establish a tailored admissions strategy.
2	English language top-up and EAP assessment	All applicants who do not hold relevant English language proficiency test data (e.g. IELTS) will undergo an assessment to ascertain English language ability. In addition, all applicants will have English for Academic Purposes (EAP) training.
3	Course and University Selection	Based on the consultation, students receive expert guidance on selecting the most suitable master's programmes and universities. Particular focus is placed on identifying competitive courses that align with the student's academic profile and long-term career goals.
4	Application Strategy and Planning	A personalised application roadmap is developed, outlining key deadlines, required documents, and strategic positioning for competitive programmes. Students receive guidance on how to strengthen their overall profile before submitting applications.
5	Application Preparation and Review	Students are supported through every component of the application process, including personal statements, CV preparation, and supporting documentation. The Russell Uni team provides detailed 1:1 feedback and refinement to ensure each application meets the highest standard.

6	Admissions Test and English Language Preparation	Where required, students receive targeted preparation for relevant admissions tests and English language examinations. Training is tailored to the requirements of specific universities and programmes.
7	Application Submission and UCAS Support	Russell Uni assists with the formal submission of applications and, where relevant, provides support through registered UCAS centres, including references and administrative guidance.
8	University Engagement and Offer Stage	Students benefit from bespoke access to university representatives and receive support in responding to offers, clarifying conditions, and selecting the most suitable option where multiple offers are received.
9	Visa and Accommodation Support	Once an offer is secured, Russell Uni provides full guidance on the student visa process and assists with arranging suitable accommodation, ensuring a smooth transition to studying in the UK.
10	Pre-Arrival Preparation	Before arriving in the UK, students receive practical advice and preparation to help them confidently begin their university journey.
11	Ongoing Support During University	Russell Uni's support continues after enrolment. Students benefit from regular check-ins and ongoing guidance to help them settle into university life, succeed academically, and maximise the opportunities available throughout their higher education experience.



Which Universities?

The Russell Group is an association of 24 leading research-intensive universities in the United Kingdom, widely recognised for their academic excellence, global reputation, and influential research output. These institutions consistently rank among the world's most respected universities and are known for attracting outstanding students, internationally renowned academics, and significant research investment. Studying at a Russell Group university offers access to cutting-edge facilities, teaching from leading experts in their fields, and an intellectually rigorous academic environment.

Russell Uni specialises in guiding international students through the highly competitive admissions processes required to secure master's degrees at these prestigious institutions. By focusing on Russell Group universities, Russell Uni helps students benefit from the exceptional opportunities these universities provide - ranging from world-class research environments and close engagement with leading academic staff to strong postgraduate outcomes. Graduates from Russell Group universities are highly sought after by global employers, with many progressing into influential roles across industry, government, academia, and international organisations.

In addition to the Russell Group, we also look to additional UK universities famed for excellence in particular departments or sports, such as Loughborough University, Bath and St Andrews.

Examples of master's degree courses

Please note that this list of degree courses at master's level is not fully exhaustive and is for illustrative purposes only. Moreover, the available options for each student is subject to their relevant background. Applicants who do not already hold a valid undergraduate degree may be supported onto an integrated master's programme rather than a direct master's degree.

Cardiff University

- MSc Data Science and Analytics
- MSc International Planning and Development
- MSc Finance
- MSc Civil and Environmental Engineering
- MA International Journalism

Durham University

- MSc Finance
- MSc Business Analytics
- MSc Advanced Computer Science
- MSc International Business
- MA International Relations

Imperial College London

- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc Finance
- MSc Business Analytics
- MSc Environmental Technology
- MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering

King's College London

- MSc International Management
- MSc Global Health
- MSc Cyber Security
- MA International Relations
- MSc Data Science

London School of Economics and Political Science

- MSc Finance
- MSc International Relations
- MSc Economics
- MSc Data Science
- MSc Political Economy

Newcastle University

- MSc Renewable Energy
- MSc International Business Management
- MSc Data Science
- MSc Urban Planning
- MSc Advanced Computer Science

Queen Mary University of London

- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc International Business
- MSc Banking and Finance
- MSc Big Data Science
- LLM Commercial and Corporate Law

Queen's University Belfast

- MSc Finance
- MSc Data Analytics
- MSc Construction and Project Management
- MSc Software Development
- LLM International Commercial Law

University of Birmingham

- MSc International Business
- MSc Financial Management
- MSc Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- MSc Public Policy
- MSc Civil Engineering

University of Bristol

- MSc Data Science
- MSc Finance and Investment
- MSc Robotics
- MSc International Relations
- MSc Computer Science

University of Cambridge

- MPhil Finance
- MPhil Economics
- MPhil Engineering
- MPhil Machine Learning and Machine Intelligence
- MPhil International Relations and Politics

University of Edinburgh

- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc Data Science
- MSc Finance
- MSc International Development
- MSc Management

University of Exeter

- MSc Finance and Investment
- MSc International Business
- MSc Data Science
- MSc Marketing
- MSc Renewable Energy Engineering

University of Glasgow

- MSc International Financial Analysis
- MSc Data Science
- MSc Management
- MSc Environmental Engineering
- MSc International Relations

University of Leeds

- MSc Business Analytics and Decision Sciences
- MSc International Business
- MSc Data Science and Analytics
- MSc Sustainable Cities
- MSc Financial Mathematics

University of Liverpool

- MSc Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
- MSc Finance
- MSc Project Management
- MSc International Business
- MSc Mechanical Engineering

University of Manchester

- MSc Finance
- MSc Business Analytics
- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc International Development
- MSc Mechanical Engineering Design

University of Nottingham

- MSc Finance and Investment
- MSc Data Science
- MSc International Business
- MSc Computer Science
- MSc Sustainable Energy Engineering

University of Oxford

- MSc Financial Economics
- MSc Global Governance and Diplomacy
- MSc Computer Science
- MSc Environmental Change and Management
- MSc Mathematical Sciences

University of Sheffield

- MSc Data Science
- MSc International Management
- MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering
- MSc Environmental Change and International Development
- MSc Financial Economics

University of Southampton

- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc Cyber Security
- MSc Finance
- MSc Maritime Engineering Science
- MSc Data Science

University College London

- MSc Management
- MSc Data Science and Machine Learning
- MSc Finance
- MSc Urban Planning
- MSc Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Development

University of Warwick

- MSc Finance
- MSc Business Analytics
- MSc International Business
- MSc Data Analytics
- MSc Engineering Business Management

University of York

- MSc Finance
- MSc Artificial Intelligence
- MSc International Business and Strategic Management
- MSc Environmental Science and Management
- MSc Health Economics



Meet the Director



Dominic Fuge *Founder and Director*

Dominic Fuge has built a strong professional reputation in university application strategy, international education, and specialist careers guidance. Over the past decade, he has supported thousands of students in securing places at their best-fit universities worldwide.

He is the author of *The Essential Guide to UCAS Personal Statements: Create an Attention-Grabbing Personal Statement That Gets Noticed*, the first commercially published book addressing recent changes to UCAS personal statements, thus remaining at the forefront of higher education applications. Dominic regularly delivers talks to a wide range of stakeholders, both virtually and in person, most recently in Hong Kong and Mainland China. He has held senior roles at leading UK boarding schools and has founded or co-founded six businesses within the education sector. One of these ventures contributed to Durham University in 2022, supporting cost-of-living initiatives and separately funded full scholarships for state school students.

Dominic studied at three Russell Group universities – Cambridge, Edinburgh and Durham – across five disciplines. This multidisciplinary background informs his approach to application strategy and bespoke career mapping, with a focus on pursuing academic passions while developing transferable skills.

Founding Russell Uni has been a defining part of his journey, enabling him to bring together his experience to support prospective university applicants and school staff globally.

Outside of his professional work, Dominic enjoys clay pigeon shooting, horse riding, and making the most of travel, café culture, and dining.



Get In Touch

We would be delighted to discuss how Russell Uni can support your personal application or with organisations and explore opportunities for collaboration. In particular, we welcome partnerships with schools and educational institutions seeking to place international students into undergraduate and postgraduate programmes at leading UK universities.

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