PARTNERS
Developing Potential and Supporting Success
[Your Name Here]
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Introduction

• Why Newcastle University?

• What is PARTNERS?

• What route can you take?
  – The Guaranteed Offer Scheme
  – The PARTNERS Programme

• How PARTNERS can help you

• How do you find out more?
Why Newcastle?

Member of the Russell Group

1st in the UK for good social life
Times Higher Education (2013)

18th most targeted by UK’s leading employers
Times Top 100 Recruiters ‘High Fliers’
Why Newcastle?

94% of our students progress into employment or further study within six months of graduation.

17th in the UK
Sunday Times University Guide (2013)

Undergraduate Accommodation Guarantee for all firm choice applicants
Courses we offer

- Agriculture
- Animal Science
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Engineering
- Environment
- Geomatics
- Marine Sciences
- Mathematics and statistics
- Natural Sciences
- Nutrition
- Philosophy
- Urban Planning
- Accounting
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Business
- Classics
- Economics
- English and Linguistics
- Fine Art
- Geography
- History
- Languages
- Law
- Marketing
- Media
- Music
- Politics
- Sociology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Psychology
- Speech and Language
Jargon Buster

- Typical Offer
- Lower Offer
- Conditional Offer
- Unconditional Offer
- Firm Choice
- Insurance Choice
Applying through UCAS

15 October 2013
• Deadline for applications to Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine/Science and Oxbridge

15 January 2014
• Deadline for applications to other courses

Remember!
• Apply as early as possible
• Personal Statements are very important
what is PARTNERS?
Two Routes into Newcastle

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Your predicted grades must be within **two grades** of the typical offer.

*For example: if the typical offer is AAB and you are predicted to achieve BBB or better you would receive an offer of AAB.*
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You also need to meet any specific subject requirements.

For example if you wanted to study **Zoology** at Newcastle (3 Years, C300) you would need to be doing an A level in **Biology**.
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All of our courses apart from:

Architectural Studies (K100), Business Accounting and Finance (NN14), Dental Surgery (A206), Fine Art (W150/E100), Folk and Traditional Music (W340), Medicine (A100), Music (W300 & W304), Speech and Language Sciences (B620)
You are **guaranteed** to receive a typical conditional offer for the course(s) you are applying to at Newcastle University if…

You don’t need to do anything additional in your UCAS application. We will make all the arrangements.
Why is this so good?

Two case studies

• Mike, Mathematics BSc (Hons)
  – At the time of applying Mike had predicted grades of ABB
  – Typically the University requires predicted grades of AAB for this course
  – Mike received a typical offer of AAB for this course
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• Jo, English Literature BA (Hons)
  – Jo had correct predicted grades AAA
  – Wrote a weak personal statement which did not impress the admissions selector
  – Jo still received a typical offer for this course
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PARTNERS Programme

About the Programme

A supported entry route into the Newcastle University

Receive a lower conditional offer for any of our courses apart from Business and Accounting Finance (NN14)

Offer includes the successful completion of an Assessed Summer School
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Example:

Typical Offer: AAB at A level or equivalent

PARTNERS Offer: BBB at A level, plus successful completion of the Assessed Summer School

Check online for entrance requirements per course
www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
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Predicted Grades and other selection criteria
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Your **predicted grades** must match or exceed the lower PARTNERS offer.

You must also fulfil any other selection criteria, for example: interviews and meet any specific subject requirements.
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You attended a school at age 16 where the number of students achieving 5 or more GCSE grades A* to C, including English and Mathematics, is 35% or less.

or

You currently attend a school where the average QCA points score per student is 550 or less.
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Newcastle University
You are in receipt of, or entitled to:

**Free School Meals**
and/or

**Discretionary school/college payments**, which are directly linked to financial hardship
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You have lived in local authority care for a period of **at least three months** within the last 10 years.
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Your parents/carers do not have:

a Higher Education qualification

and

are not in professional occupations
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- Home postcode and personal circumstances
Your postcode indicates that:

- you live in a low participation neighbourhood
  
  or

- you live in a neighbourhood that has a high level of financial, economic or social deprivation
  
  or

- If you have experienced extenuating personal circumstances that relate to social, economic or educational disadvantage at key educational times then this will be looked at alongside your postcode information on an individual basis.
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An optional event at Newcastle University on **Wednesday 19 March 2014**

Help you learn about and develop skills to successfully make the transition between school/college and University
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You must attend a Pre-Summer School Tutorial.

During May/June – on campus or outreach
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### 30 June 2014 – 9 July 2014

100% attendance at the Summer School. Up to 30 hours of contact time and 20-50 hours of personal study time during and after the Summer School.
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Deadline for submission is

12 noon, Tuesday 22 July 2014

either online, by post or in person
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What happens at the Summer School?

• Academic Sessions
  – Lectures, tutorials, practicals and project work

• HE Skills
  – IT skills, using the University library, presentation skills, referencing academic work, welfare, money management and employability skills

• Social
  – Sport, societies and social events
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What’s in it for me?

- Discover more about your subject
- See what university is really like
- Use Newcastle University facilities
- Meet other students
- Increase your confidence
- Ongoing support from PARTNERS team
- Receive the lower offer
- The Assessed Summer School is free to attend
Applying
Coming through the PARTNERS Programme

Do your UCAS application as normal and include a “P” in the ‘further details’ section for the course(s) at Newcastle University

Complete a PARTNERS Application Form

Ask your teacher to sign the form and send it off to us with a copy of your UCAS Form
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### Household income up to £25,000
- £3,000 in first year (£1,000 cash bursary and £2,000 accommodation discount or £2,000 fee discount)
- £2,000 in subsequent years (£1,500 cash bursary and £500 fee discount)

### Household income between £25,001 and £35,000
- £1,000 cash bursary each year
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Opportunity Scholarship  Access Scholarship  Promise Scholarship  Alumni Scholarships

£500 cash each year
For students who enter the University through PARTNERS Programme (or other criteria)
Household income of less than £42,600
In addition to the Opportunity Scholarship
Financial Support

Newcastle University Specific

Opportunity Scholarship  Access Scholarship  Promise Scholarship  Alumni Scholarships

£9,000 per year for students of high ability from low income backgrounds, who meet specific criteria

(£4,500 cash bursary and £4,500 fee discount)

See university website for eligibility and how to apply
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Newcastle University Specific

Opportunity Scholarship  Access Scholarship  Promise Scholarship  Alumni Scholarships

Various money available to PARTNERS students, given by members of Newcastle University Alumni.

See our website for more details
Finding out more...

www.facebook.com/OnCourseToUni
Finding out more...

...and ask us anything!

- Visit Us
  - Campus tours – Fridays May to November

- Collect a prospectus

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