

Applying to the Accelerate Programme: A Guide for Parents/Guardians

All of the places on the Accelerate Programme are fully funded and offered to pupils based on our Widening Access criteria. These criteria are:

- Attendance at one of the University's target schools. For a list of target schools, please see [Strathclyde Target Schools List](#)
- If your home postcode is in Quintile 1 or 2 based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. You can check your postcode here: [SIMD Postcode Look Up](#)
- Young Carer
- Care-Experienced
- Free School Meals
- Asylum Seeker/Refugee

If a pupil matches at least one of these criteria, they will have a very good chance of being offered a place on the programme. Unfortunately, if they do not match any of these criteria, we will not be able to offer them a place on the programme.

Applying to the Programme

If your son/daughter match at least one of our widening access criteria, you can apply on their behalf to the programme. This is a **three-step process**.

Step 1: Application for Funded Place

First, we need to confirm that your son/daughter matches at least one of our widening access criteria. Please complete the [Accelerate 2024 Individual Funding Request Form](#) which asks for details relating to our criteria. Please ensure that you include the full name of the pupil's school and the pupil's home postcode.

Pupils should complete the personal statement. It's important that pupils are interested in potentially going on to study their Accelerate challenge subject at University and pupils should demonstrate this in their personal statement. If pupils are interested in studying a different subject at University, they will not be offered a place on that Accelerate Challenge.

The deadline for receiving forms is 22nd March, 2024. We will assess all applications after this deadline and will award places based on our criteria.

Step 2: Application to the Programme

If your son/daughter is successful in receiving a funded place, we will email you to confirm this shortly after 22nd March. In this email, we will send you a link to the formal application

form for the programme. Again, the Parent/Guardian should complete this form. **Please apply before 16th April 2024.**

Step 3: Confirmation of Application

Once you have completed the form at the link provided, an email will be sent to the email address of the Parent/Guardian, as a safeguarding procedure, asking them to approve the application. Please click on the link on this email and approve the application as soon as you can. Your application is now complete and we will email information about the programme to both the pupil and parent/guardian.

Please note, you will not have fully applied to the programme unless you have completed **all of the three steps above** and will not receive any information about the programme until you do so.

*There are two methods of applying for a funded place on the Accelerate programme; either individually, using the process above, or through your child's school. **Please only apply individually if your school is not submitting an application for your child.**

The diagram below hopefully makes the three-step application process for Accelerate clear:

