



May – July 2026

Future Ready

with the University of Reading

If you are exploring your university options, Future Ready will help you:

- ✓ Explore the benefits of university and the options available to you.
- ✓ Experience what student life is like.
- ✓ Feel equipped to make university choices and applications.





What's the eligibility criteria?

In order to be considered for this programme, you must be attending a state school/college and currently be in Year 12/Level 3 Year 1 and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Living in a POLAR4 or TUNDRA MSOA Quintile 1 or 2 neighbourhood (check your postcode at [tinyurl.com/criteriacheck](https://www.tinyurl.com/criteriacheck)).
- Living in an area in IMD Quintile 1 or 2 (this will be checked by the University).
- Asylum seeker or refugee.
- Currently living in or have previously spent time in the care of the local authority.
- Estranged from family (in Friends and Family Care).
- Carer for family member who may be sick, disabled or has mental health problems, or is misusing drugs or alcohol (Young Carer).

What to expect?

May half-term | University of Reading, Birmingham, Cardiff, Central London, or the South West*

*launch locations will be confirmed after applications close.

Future Ready Launch

- Introduction to the programme and what to expect.
- Meet other participants.
- Find out about some of the benefits of Higher Education and the options available to you.
- Meet our student ambassadors and find out about their journeys to university.

June – early July | Online, via the Brightside mentoring platform

A five-week programme of mentoring with our current students. Each week our students will introduce you to a new topic about university life, Reading and your future options. You can ask any questions you might have and get to know our students and university better.

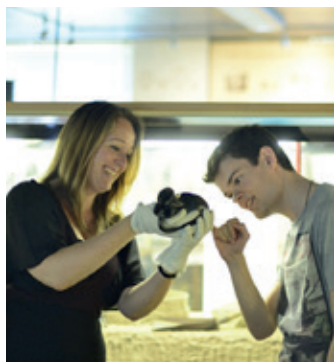
Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th July | University of Reading

Future Ready Summer School

- Experience life as a student, including staying in our halls of residence, social activities, free meals on site and getting to know other participants.
- Get involved in hands on subject taster sessions for a taste of academic life at university.
- Explore our beautiful parkland campus and Reading town.
- Prepare for university applications and develop useful skills for university.

Autumn 2026 | University of Reading

Attend one of our autumn Open Days with free travel to the event and a free lunch provided for you/ your supporters. You will also benefit from one-to-one support with your university applications.



What are the benefits of taking part?

The programme is completely free to attend, we will cover the costs of all travel, food and accommodation. If you complete the programme and decide Reading is the right place for you, then you will be eligible to receive a £1,000 bursary in your first year of study with us.

How to apply and find out more?

Apply here: [data.heat.ac.uk/
event/apply/reading/future-
ready-2026](https://data.heat.ac.uk/event/apply/reading/future-ready-2026)

Deadline for application is **midnight on Monday 13 April 2026.**

Any questions, do get in touch: outreach@reading.ac.uk



APPLY NOW



“ Both the staff and student ambassadors were incredible throughout the summer school as they made me feel included. ”

2025 attendee