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# Postgraduate Admissions Statistics

Applications for admission in the 2022/23 academic year

## Introduction

This report provides data for all applications made to commence a matriculated<sup>1</sup> postgraduate programme at the University of Cambridge in the 2022/23 academic year (that is admission in Michaelmas Term 2022, Lent Term 2023 or Easter Term 2023). This cycle closed on 21 May 2023.

Application figures show the number of applications for admission to a postgraduate programme in the 2022/23 academic year, excluding applications to programmes that were withdrawn within the terms of the 14 day cancellation policy.<sup>2</sup> Offer figures show the number of offers of admission made following a recommendation from the Department (postgraduate admissions decisions are made by the Departments). Admission figures show the number of offer holders whose admission was confirmed because they satisfied all the conditions of their offer, and who subsequently registered and took up their places on the course (those who did not take up their place have been excluded).<sup>3</sup> Visiting students are not included. The data is correct as of 1 June 2023.

The report combines data from the four admitting authorities for postgraduate admissions at the University of Cambridge:

- Faculty of Education (Fac. Ed)  
<https://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/>
- Institute of Continuing Education (ICE)  
<https://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/>
- Judge Business School (JBS)  
<https://www.jbs.cam.ac.uk/>
- Postgraduate Admissions Office (PAO)  
<https://www.postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/>

<sup>1</sup> Students on matriculated programmes become members of the University. This encompasses the vast majority of postgraduate programmes offered by the University, but not the Postgraduate Certificates and Postgraduate Diplomas offered by the Institute of Continuing Education.

<sup>2</sup> This applies for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office. 64 applications for the 2022/23 academic year were withdrawn within the policy terms.

The University of Cambridge offers more than 300 postgraduate courses, run by Faculties and Departments. The majority of these courses sit within one of six Schools (these are an administrative grouping of Faculties and other institutions): Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences, Clinical Medicine, Humanities and Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Technology. However there are also a number of external University Partner Institutions (UPIs) where postgraduate students registered at the University can undertake specialist research.<sup>4</sup>

Postgraduate courses at the University of Cambridge are typically characterised as doctoral or non-doctoral. The doctoral category also includes courses with a '1+3' structure, where the participant completes a master's year and then commences a doctorate. The Higher Education sector also frequently categorises postgraduate courses as research (PGR) or taught (PGT) – which is similar to, but not a direct match with, the doctoral and non-doctoral categories.<sup>5</sup> The degree type section provides a breakdown by both groupings.

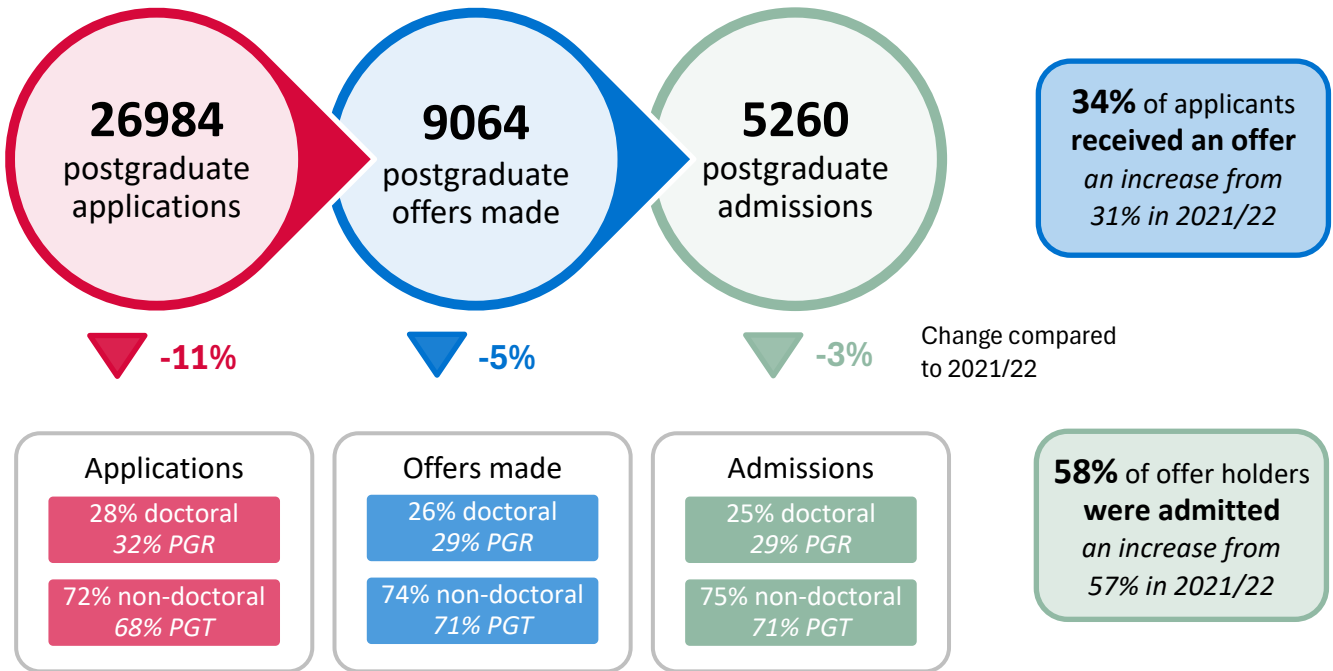
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<sup>3</sup> 125 offer holders for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office satisfied the conditions of their offer for the 2022/23 academic year but did not take up their place.

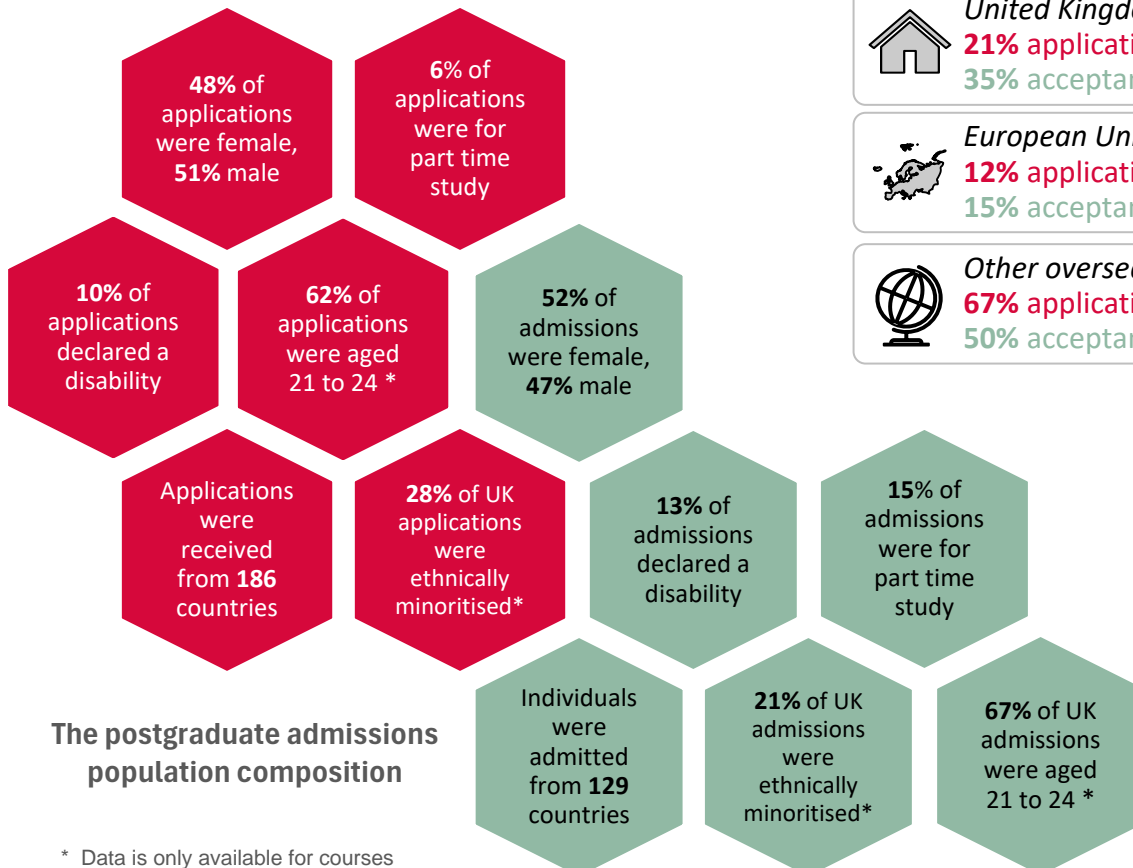
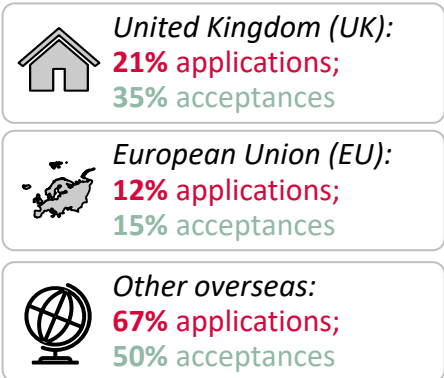
<sup>4</sup> A list of University Partner Institutions is available at: <https://www.postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/why-cambridge/cambridge-explained>

<sup>5</sup> This is because some research courses are non-doctoral.

## Postgraduate admissions for 2022/23

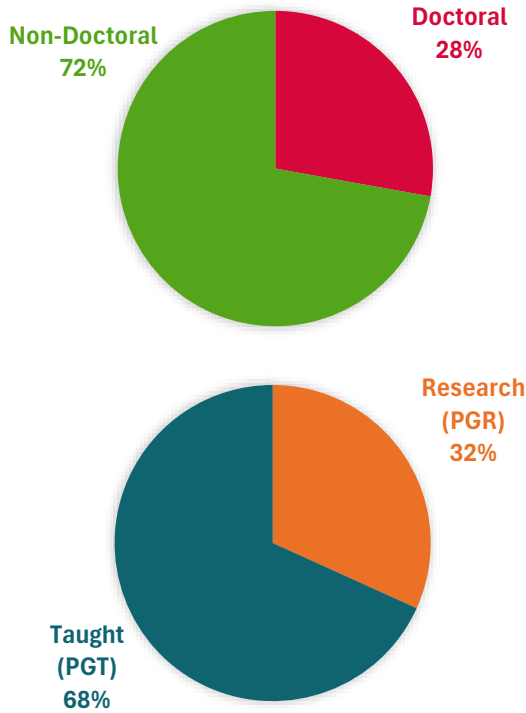
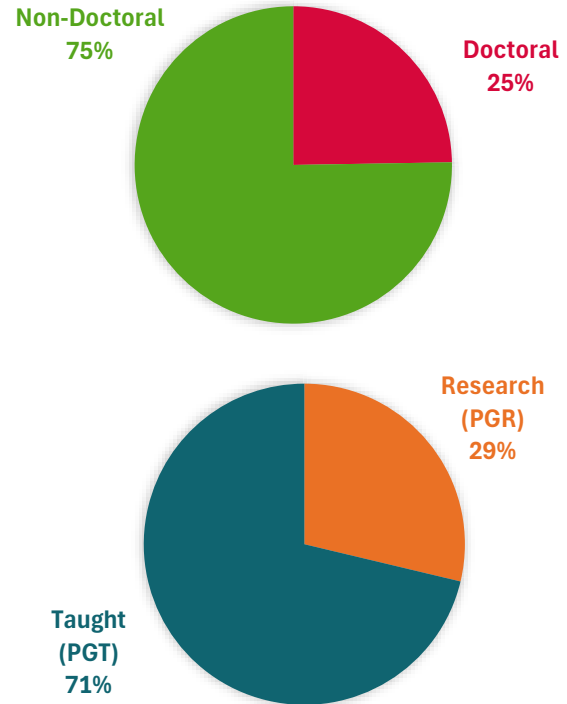


### Primary citizenship of the postgraduate admissions population



\* Data is only available for courses administered by the Postgraduate Admissions Office (86% of postgraduate admissions)

## Degree type

**Applications, by degree type**

**Admissions, by degree type**

**Application, offers and admissions for all postgraduate admitting authorities, by degree type**

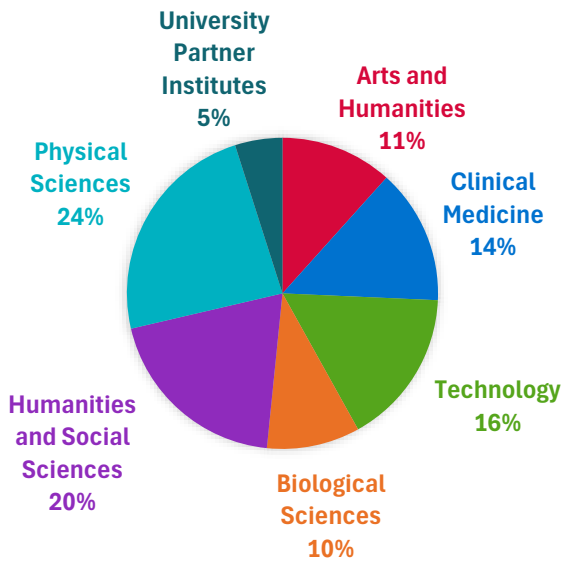
*This data is for all four admitting authorities, although only the Postgraduate Admissions Office admits to doctoral courses.*

Degree type	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
Doctoral	7509	2326	1301	31.0%	17.3%	55.9%
Non-Doctoral	19475	6738	3959	34.6%	20.3%	58.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26984</b>	<b>9064</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>

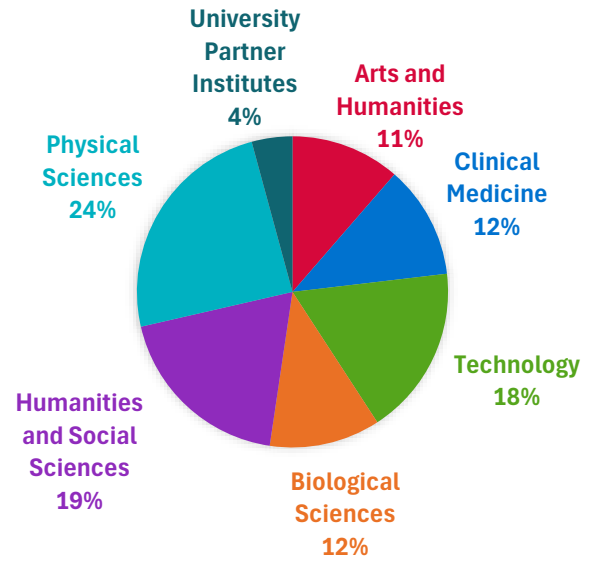
Degree type	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
Postgraduate Research (PGR)	8573	2673	1511	31.2%	17.6%	56.5%
Postgraduate Taught (PGT)	18411	6391	3749	34.7%	20.4%	58.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26984</b>	<b>9064</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>

## School

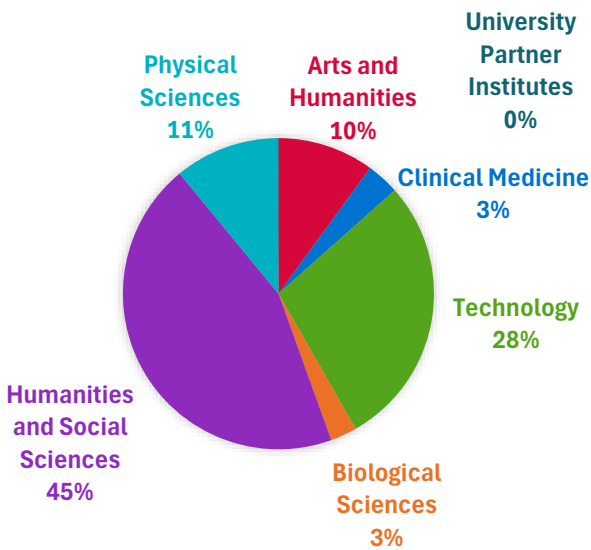
**Doctoral applications, by School**



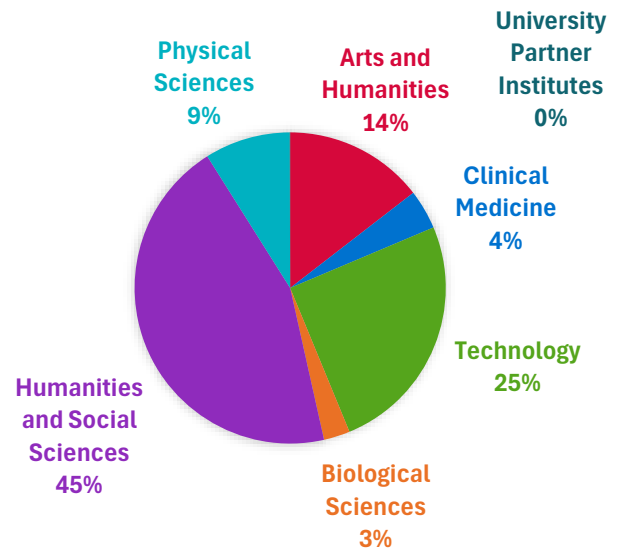
**Doctoral admissions, by School**



**Non-doctoral applications, by School**



**Non-doctoral admissions, by School**



## School

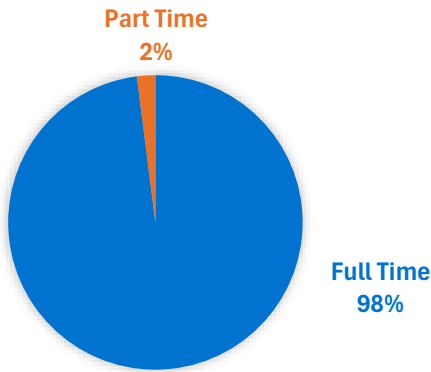
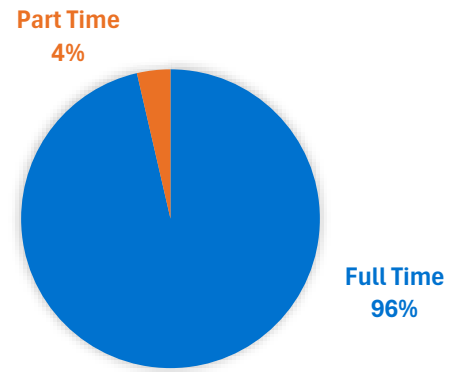
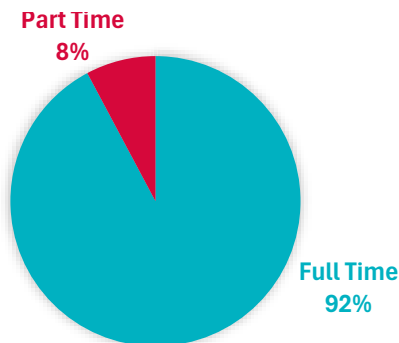
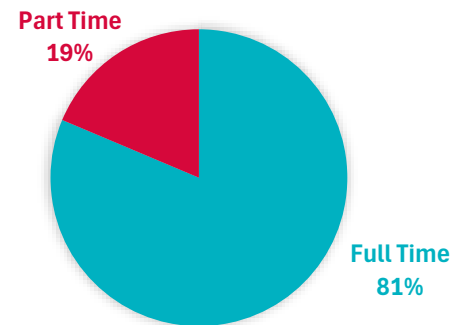
### Application, offers and admissions for all postgraduate admitting authorities, by School

Subgroup data is suppressed where group size is fewer than 3 (aside from where the data is unknown). Where necessary to prevent calculation the unit of second smallest application group in the category has also been suppressed - only the last digit has been suppressed, with an 'X' to keep understanding of the scale of the data (e.g. 1X is a number between 10 and 19).

Conversion rates are not calculated where the baseline group is less than 10 or where data has been suppressed.

School	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
<i>School of Arts and Humanities</i>	2828	1208	723	42.7%	25.6%	59.9%
Doctoral	875	324	148	37.0%	16.9%	45.7%
Non-Doctoral	1953	884	575	45.3%	29.4%	65.0%
<i>School of Clinical Medicine</i>	1717	472	316	27.5%	18.4%	66.9%
Doctoral	1055	216	153	20.5%	14.5%	70.8%
Non-Doctoral	662	256	163	38.7%	24.6%	63.7%
<i>School of Technology</i>	6732	2063	1225	30.6%	18.2%	59.4%
Doctoral	1218	401	230	32.9%	18.9%	57.4%
Non-Doctoral	5514	1662	995	30.1%	18.0%	59.9%
<i>School of the Biological Sciences</i>	1263	422	258	33.4%	20.4%	61.1%
Doctoral	727	271	150	37.3%	20.6%	55.4%
Non-Doctoral	536	151	108	28.2%	20.1%	71.5%
<i>School of the Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</i>	10158	3630	2012	35.7%	19.8%	55.4%
Doctoral	1483	535	248	36.1%	16.7%	46.4%
Non-Doctoral	8675	3095	1764	35.7%	20.3%	57.0%
<i>School of the Physical Sciences</i>	3893	1196	669	30.7%	17.2%	55.9%
Doctoral	1781	513	317	28.8%	17.8%	61.8%
Non-Doctoral	2112	683	352	32.3%	16.7%	51.5%
<i>University Partner Institutes (UPIs)</i>	393	73	57	18.6%	14.5%	78.1%
Doctoral	370	66	5X	17.8%	-	-
Non-Doctoral	23	7	<3	30.4%	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26984</b>	<b>9064</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>

## Full or part time study

**Doctoral applications, by full/part time status**

**Doctoral admissions, by full/part time status**

**Non-Doctoral applications, by full/part time status**

**Non-Doctoral admissions, by full/part time status**

**Application, offers and admissions for all postgraduate admitting authorities, by full/part time status**

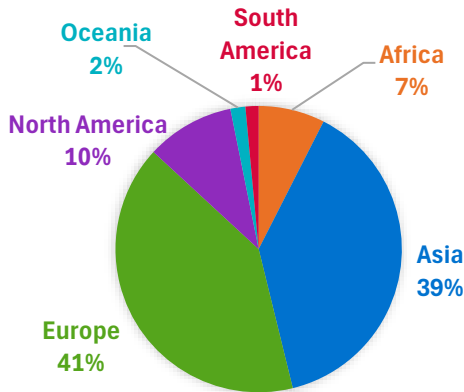
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Full/part time   Degree type	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
<b>Full time</b>	<b>25317</b>	<b>8118</b>	<b>4475</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>55.1%</b>
Doctoral	7358	2275	1254	30.9%	17.0%	55.1%
Non-Doctoral	17959	5843	3221	32.5%	17.9%	55.1%
<b>Part time</b>	<b>1667</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>56.7%</b>	<b>47.1%</b>	<b>83.0%</b>
Doctoral	151	51	47	33.8%	31.1%	92.2%
Non-Doctoral	1516	895	738	59.0%	48.7%	82.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26984</b>	<b>9064</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>

## Citizenship

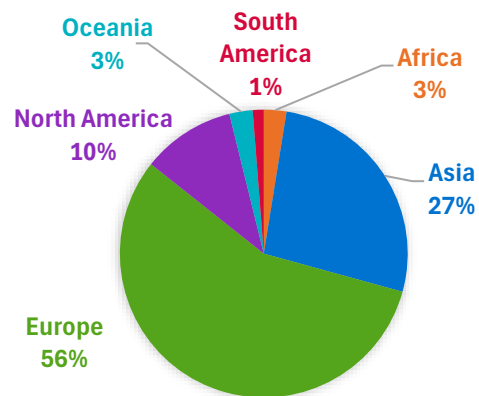
### Doctoral applications, by primary citizenship

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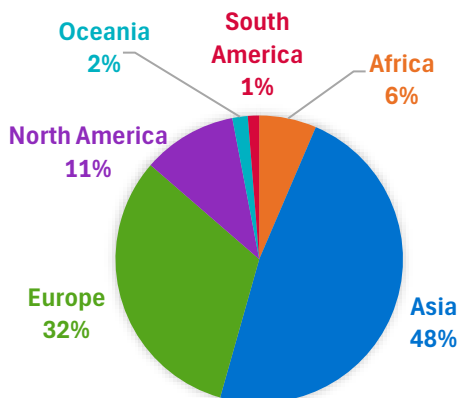
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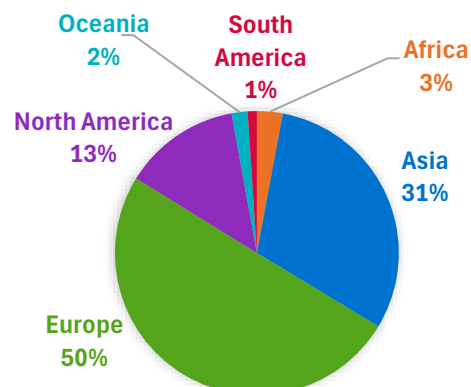
### Non-doctoral applications, by primary citizenship

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### Non-doctoral admissions, by primary citizenship

Excludes 0.2% (7) with no citizenship data or whose citizenship country is not in a continent (e.g. Stateless).



### The top 10 most common primary citizenships for doctoral applications, offers and admissions

Top 10 for Doctoral Applications			Top 10 for Doctoral Offers Made			Top 10 for Doctoral Admissions		
United Kingdom	1718	22.9%	United Kingdom	679	29.2%	United Kingdom	434	33.4%
China	1297	17.3%	China	326	14.0%	China	193	14.8%
United States	535	7.1%	United States	213	9.2%	United States	100	7.7%
India	522	7.0%	India	121	5.2%	Germany	49	3.8%
Germany	199	2.7%	Germany	85	3.7%	India	33	2.5%
Italy	167	2.2%	Canada	67	2.9%	Canada	28	2.2%
Canada	165	2.2%	Italy	59	2.5%	France	28	2.2%
Iran (Islamic Republic Of)	149	2.0%	France	51	2.2%	Italy	25	1.9%
France	144	1.9%	Australia	37	1.6%	Ireland	24	1.8%
Pakistan	124	1.7%	Ireland	37	1.6%	Australia	21	1.6%
<i>All others (143)</i>	2489	33.1%	<i>All others (82)</i>	651	28.0%	<i>All others (77)</i>	366	28.1%



## Citizenship

### The top 10 most common primary citizenships for non-doctoral applications, offers and admissions

Top 10 for Non-Doctoral Applications			Top 10 for Non-Doctoral Offers Made			Top 10 for Non-Doctoral Admissions		
China	5477	28.1%	United Kingdom	1951	29.0%	United Kingdom	1428	35.2%
United Kingdom	3839	19.7%	China	1098	16.3%	China	649	16.0%
India	1626	8.3%	United States	810	12.0%	United States	397	9.8%
United States	1547	7.9%	India	360	5.3%	India	200	4.9%
Germany	365	1.9%	Germany	188	2.8%	Germany	120	3.0%
Canada	357	1.8%	Canada	171	2.5%	Canada	94	2.3%
France	320	1.6%	France	132	2.0%	France	66	1.6%
Nigeria	309	1.6%	Australia	129	1.9%	Australia	58	1.4%
Australia	272	1.4%	Singapore	93	1.4%	Ireland	49	1.2%
Hong Kong	245	1.3%	Italy	81	1.2%	Singapore	48	1.2%
<i>All others (171)</i>	<i>5118</i>	<i>26.3%</i>	<i>All others (135)</i>	<i>1725</i>	<i>25.6%</i>	<i>All others (117)</i>	<i>945</i>	<i>23.3%</i>

### Application, offers and admissions for all postgraduate admitting authorities, by primary citizenship continent

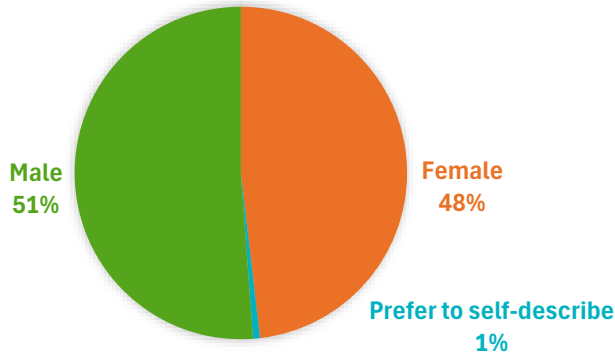
Conversion rates are not calculated where the baseline group is less than 10.

Continent	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
<b>Africa</b>	<b>1816</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>48.7%</b>
Doctoral	562	67	33	11.9%	5.9%	49.3%
Non-Doctoral	1254	239	116	19.1%	9.3%	48.5%
<b>Asia</b>	<b>12227</b>	<b>2885</b>	<b>1561</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>54.1%</b>
Doctoral	2900	676	347	23.3%	12.0%	51.3%
Non-Doctoral	9327	2209	1214	23.7%	13.0%	55.0%
<b>Europe</b>	<b>9272</b>	<b>4152</b>	<b>2714</b>	<b>44.8%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>65.4%</b>
Doctoral	3052	1189	732	39.0%	24.0%	61.6%
Non-Doctoral	6220	2963	1982	47.6%	31.9%	66.9%
<b>North America</b>	<b>2816</b>	<b>1343</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>47.7%</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>49.4%</b>
Doctoral	747	294	136	39.4%	18.2%	46.3%
Non-Doctoral	2069	1049	527	50.7%	25.5%	50.2%
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>47.4%</b>	<b>22.8%</b>	<b>48.2%</b>
Doctoral	127	61	34	48.0%	26.8%	55.7%
Non-Doctoral	337	159	72	47.2%	21.4%	45.3%
<b>South America</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>39.0%</b>
Doctoral	111	36	16	32.4%	14.4%	44.4%
Non-Doctoral	248	110	41	44.4%	16.5%	37.3%
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Doctoral	10	3	3	-	-	-
Non-Doctoral	20	9	7	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26984</b>	<b>9064</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>
<b>Total with data</b>	<b>26954</b>	<b>9052</b>	<b>5250</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>

## Gender

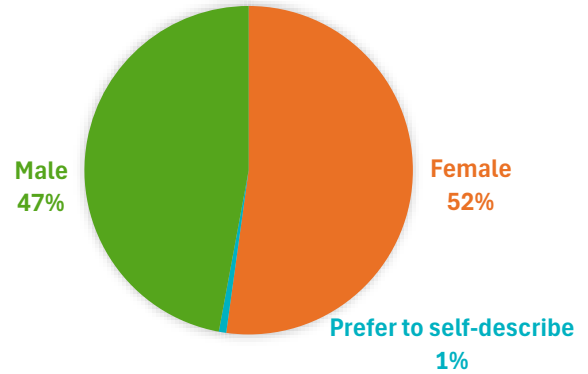
### Applications, by gender reported

Excludes 2.5% (673) with no gender data reported.



### Admissions, by gender reported

Excludes 0.6% (31) with no gender data reported.



### Application, offers and admissions for all four postgraduate admitting authorities, by gender

Note that the Faculty of Education does not hold gender data for all applicants or offer holders as this field is not mandatory on the Department for Education PGCE application (and is collected by the University at the point of admission).<sup>6</sup>

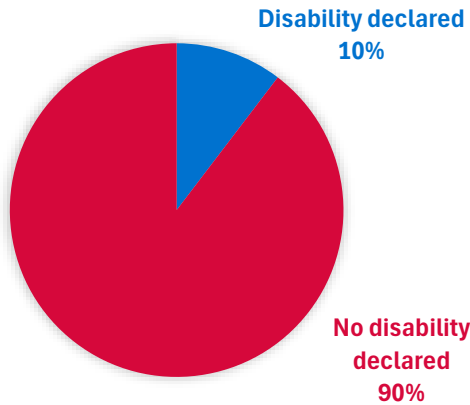
Gender	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
Female	12672	4417	2729	34.9%	21.5%	61.8%
Male	13464	4411	2462	32.8%	18.3%	55.8%
Other (prefer to self-describe)	175	68	38	38.9%	21.7%	55.9%
Unknown / prefer not to specify	673	168	31	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26984</b>	<b>9064</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>
<b>Total with data</b>	<b>26311</b>	<b>8896</b>	<b>5229</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>58.8%</b>

<sup>6</sup> 64.0% of Faculty of Education applicants have no gender data (compared to 0.5% of all other applicants), and 31.6% of Faculty of Education offer holders (compared to 0.6% of all other offer holders). Only 0.8% of Faculty of Education admissions have no gender data (compared to 0.6% of all other admissions).

## Disability

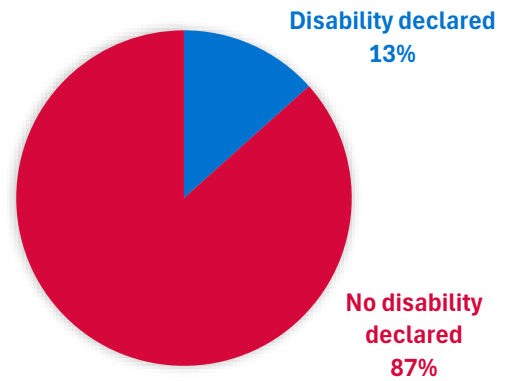
### Applications, by disability declared

Excludes 3.8% (1017) with no disability declaration.



### Admissions, by disability declared

Excludes 2.4% (126) with no disability declaration.



### Application, offers and admissions for all four postgraduate admitting authorities, by disability

Note that the Faculty of Education does not hold disability data for all applicants or offer holders as this field is not mandatory on the Department for Education PGCE application (and is collected by the University at the point of admission).<sup>7</sup>

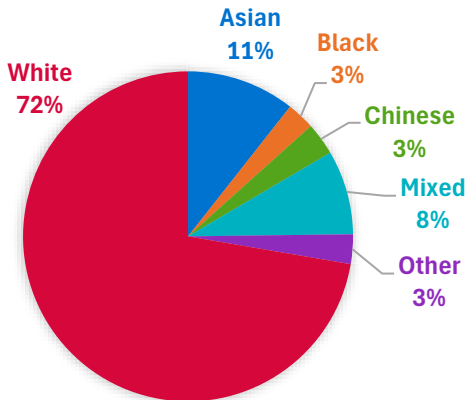
Disability	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
<i>Disability declared</i>	2692	1097	687	40.8%	25.5%	62.6%
Blind or have a visual impairment uncorrected by glasses	39	12	8	30.8%	20.5%	66.7%
Deaf or have a hearing impairment	30	16	12	53.3%	40.0%	75.0%
Learning difference such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, or AD(H)D	724	322	203	44.5%	28.0%	63.0%
Long-term illness or health condition	292	117	72	40.1%	24.7%	61.5%
Mental health condition, challenge or disorder	873	338	206	38.7%	23.6%	60.9%
Physical impairment	52	18	12	34.6%	23.1%	66.7%
Social/communication conditions	122	46	29	37.7%	23.8%	63.0%
An impairment, health condition or learning difference that is not listed	260	106	63	40.8%	24.2%	59.4%
Two or more impairments and/or disabling medical conditions	300	122	82	40.7%	27.3%	67.2%
<i>No disability declared</i>	23275	7649	4447	32.9%	19.1%	58.1%
<i>Unknown / prefer not to say</i>	1017	318	126	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26984</b>	<b>9064</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>33.6%</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>58.0%</b>
<b>Total with data</b>	<b>25967</b>	<b>8746</b>	<b>5134</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>58.7%</b>

<sup>7</sup> 61.8% of Faculty of Education applicants have no disability declaration (compared to 1.9% of all other applicants), and 27.0% of Faculty of Education offer holders (compared to 2.5% of all other offer holders). 4.1% of Faculty of Education admissions have no disability data (compared to 2.3% of all other admissions).

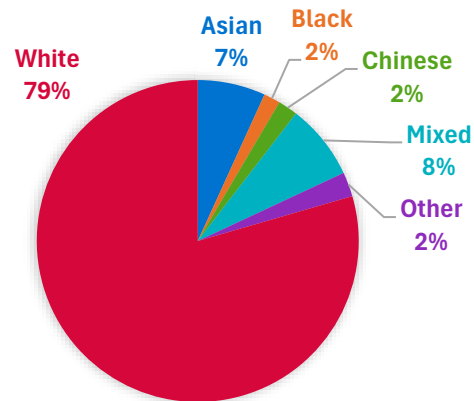
## Ethnicity (UK applicants only) \*

\* data with a citizenship divide is only available for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office (PAO)

**Applications for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office from individuals with United Kingdom (UK) citizenship, by ethnic group reported**  
Excludes 3.2% (145) with no ethnicity data reported.



**Admissions for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office from individuals with United Kingdom (UK) citizenship, by ethnic group reported**  
Excludes 3.2% (42) with no ethnicity data reported.



### Application, offers and admissions for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office from individuals with United Kingdom (UK) citizenship, by ethnicity group

*This data is not available for the Faculty of Education, Institute of Continuing Education or Judge Business School.*

*Subgroup data is suppressed where group size is fewer than 3. Where necessary to prevent calculation the unit of second smallest application group in the category has also been suppressed with an X (e.g. 1X is a number between 10 and 19).*

*Conversion rates are not calculated where the baseline group is less than 10 or where data has been suppressed.*

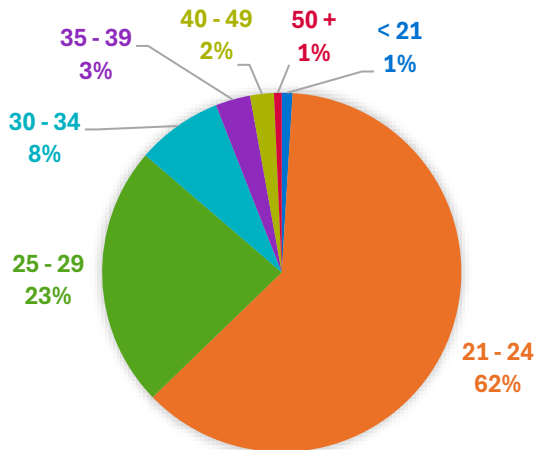
Ethnicity group	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
<b>Asian</b>	461	126	86	27.3%	18.7%	68.3%
Bangladeshi or Bangladeshi British	48	13	8	27.1%	16.7%	61.5%
Indian or Indian British	217	61	40	28.1%	18.4%	65.6%
Pakistani or Pakistani British	95	20	16	21.1%	16.8%	80.0%
Any other Asian background	101	32	22	31.7%	21.8%	68.8%
<b>Black</b>	119	33	21	27.7%	17.6%	63.6%
African or African British	92	21	14	22.8%	15.2%	66.7%
Caribbean or Caribbean British	2X	1X	X	-	-	-
Any other Black background	<3	<3	<3	-	-	-
<b>Chinese</b>	138	36	25	26.1%	18.1%	69.4%
<b>Mixed</b>	359	153	96	42.6%	26.7%	62.7%
White and Asian	178	75	47	42.1%	26.4%	62.7%
White and Black African	24	12	9	50.0%	37.5%	75.0%
White and Black Caribbean	34	17	12	50.0%	35.3%	70.6%
Any other Mixed or Multiple background	123	49	28	39.8%	22.8%	57.1%
<b>Other</b>	126	46	31	36.5%	24.6%	67.4%
Arab	59	18	13	30.5%	22.0%	72.2%
Any other ethnic background	67	28	18	41.8%	26.9%	64.3%
<b>White</b>	3141	1517	1004	48.3%	32.0%	66.2%
<b>Unknown / prefer not to say</b>	145	68	42	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>4489</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1305</b>	<b>44.1%</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>65.9%</b>
<b>Total with data</b>	<b>4344</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>44.0%</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>66.1%</b>

## Age \*

\* data is only available for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office (PAO)

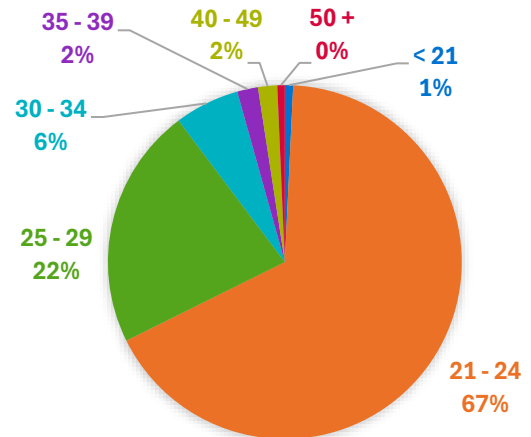
### Applications for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office, by age group

Age is calculated as age at the start of the academic year (1 October 2022).



### Admissions for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office, by age group

Age is calculated as age at the start of the academic year (1 October 2022).



### Application, offers and admissions for courses admitted by the Postgraduate Admissions Office, by age group

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Age (at start of academic year)	Numbers			Conversion rates		
	Applications	Offers Made	Admissions	Application to Offer	Application to Admission	Offer to Admission
<21	227	66	31	29.1%	13.7%	47.0%
21 - 24	14521	4823	2747	33.2%	18.9%	57.0%
25 - 29	5528	1752	906	31.7%	16.4%	51.7%
30 - 34	1820	446	243	24.5%	13.4%	54.5%
35 - 39	737	147	78	19.9%	10.6%	53.1%
40 - 49	501	108	72	21.6%	14.4%	66.7%
50 - 59	125	29	19	23.2%	15.2%	65.5%
60 +	38	13	9	34.2%	23.7%	69.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23497</b>	<b>7384</b>	<b>4105</b>	<b>31.4%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>55.6%</b>
<b>Total with data</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>47.0%</b>