

Applying to Oxford or Cambridge



**Career
prospects**

**World class
teaching**

College Life

**Why Oxford or
Cambridge?**

**Excellent facilities
& resources**

**Range of
courses**

**Financial
support**

TEACHING

Lectures

Seminars

Labs

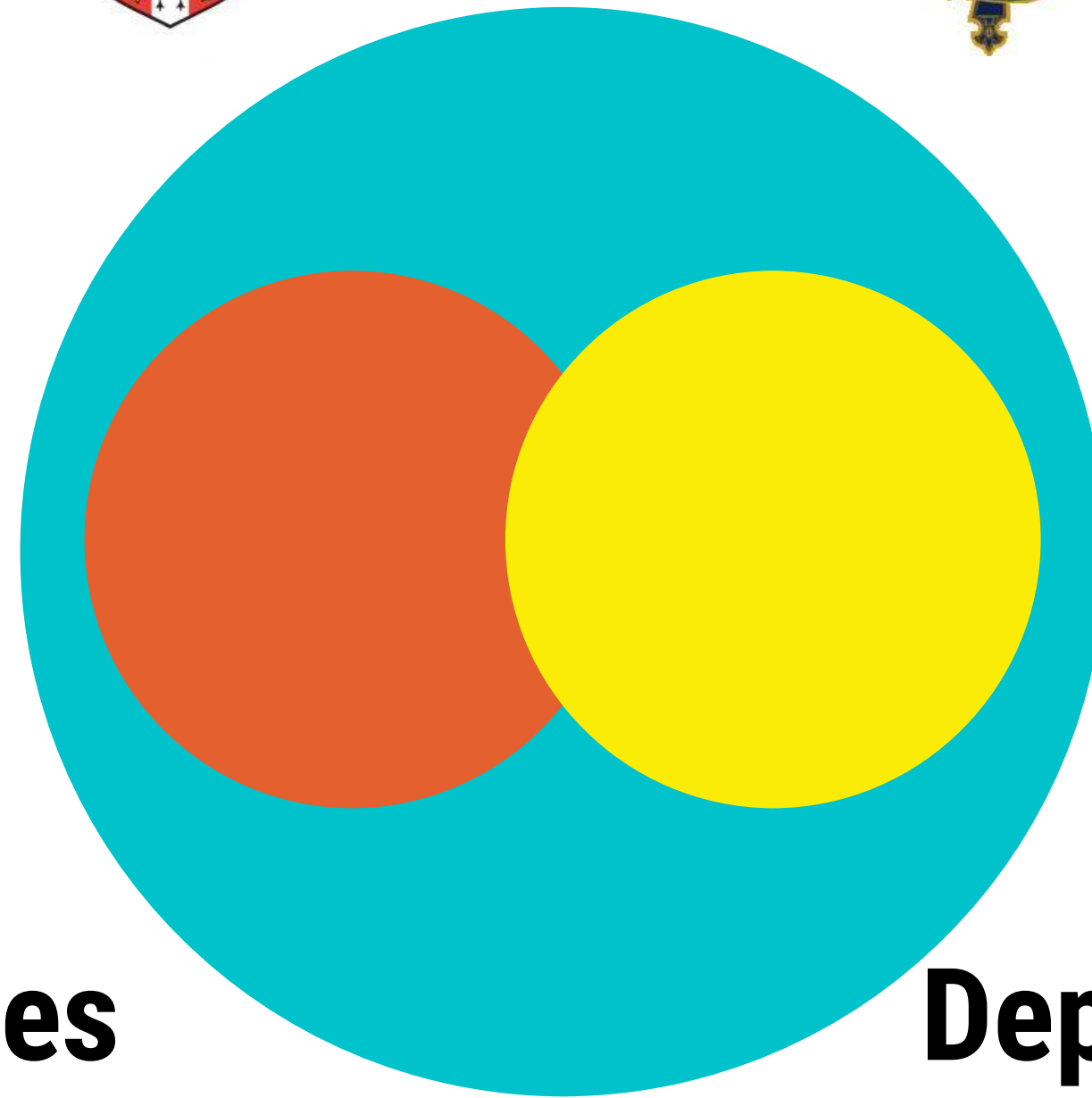
**Supervisions/
Tutorials**

**At Cambridge and Oxford you're taught by
those at the forefront of their field!**

HOW OXBRIDGE 'WORKS'



University



Colleges

Departments



COLLEGES

Admit students



**Small group
teaching**

**Accommodation,
dining, recreation**



**Academic and
pastoral care**

**Facilities for
academic study**



A student's 'home'

THE APPLICATION PROCESS



TYPICAL OFFERS

Cambridge:

A*AA - A*A*A

Oxford:

AAA - A*A*A

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

**Academic ability
and potential**

**Commitment to
study**

**Independent
thought**

**Critical and
flexible thinking**

**Enthusiasm for
your subject**

**Personal
statement**

**Academic
achievement**

**Written work
(if requested)**

Interview

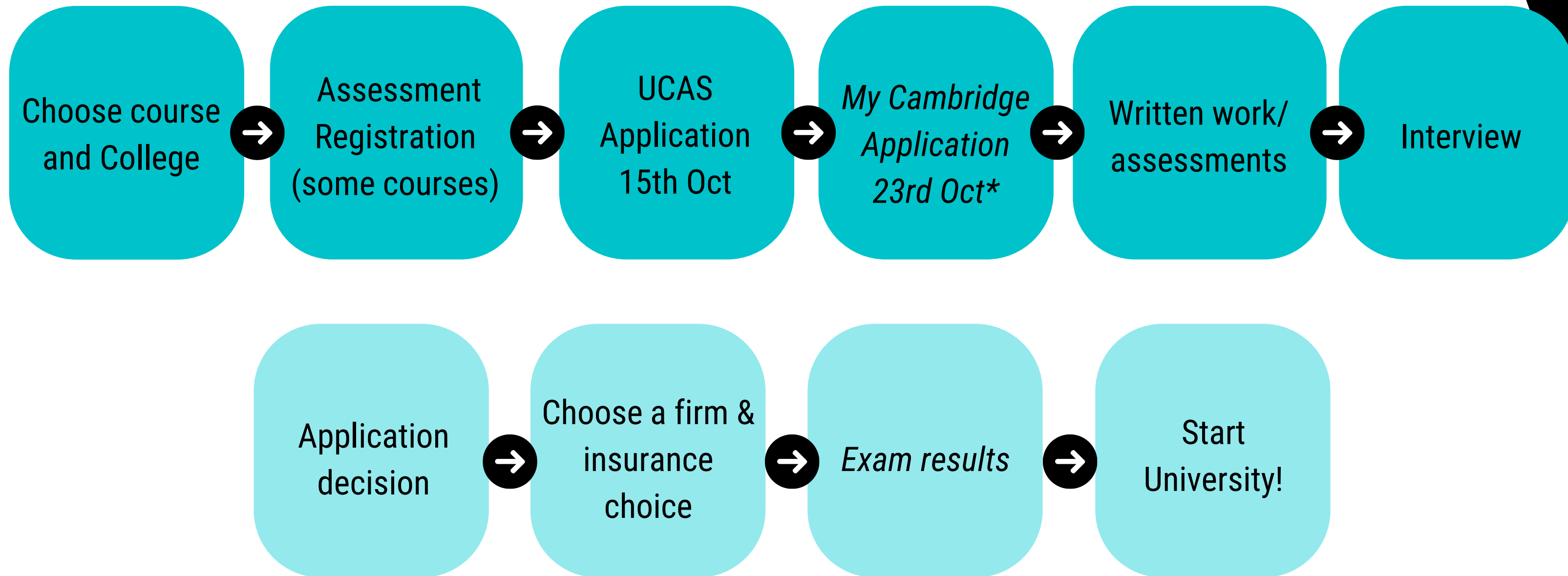
**Assessment
(if required)**

**Contextual
Information**

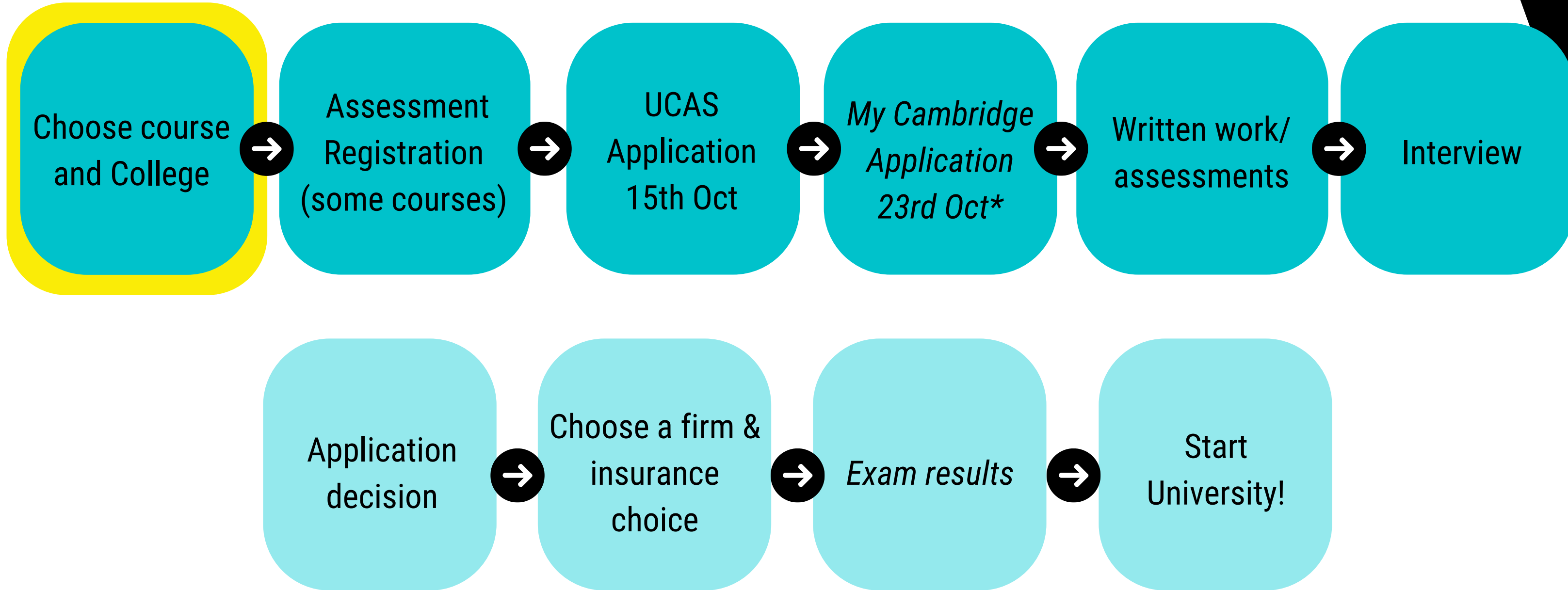
**Teacher
reference**



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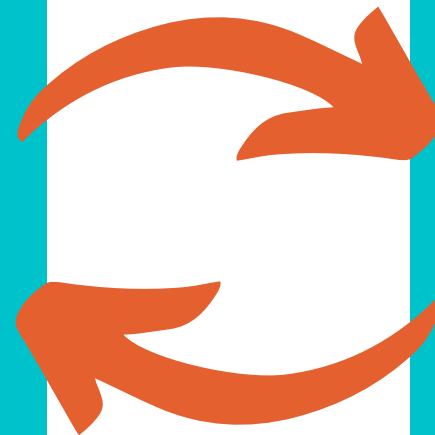


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CHOOSING A COURSE

**What do you
enjoy?**



**What are you
good at?**

**How do you
learn best?**

***What do you
want to do in the
future?***

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

Size

Age

Location

Course

**Do you feel comfortable
there? Does it feel 'homely'?**

CHOOSING A COLLEGE

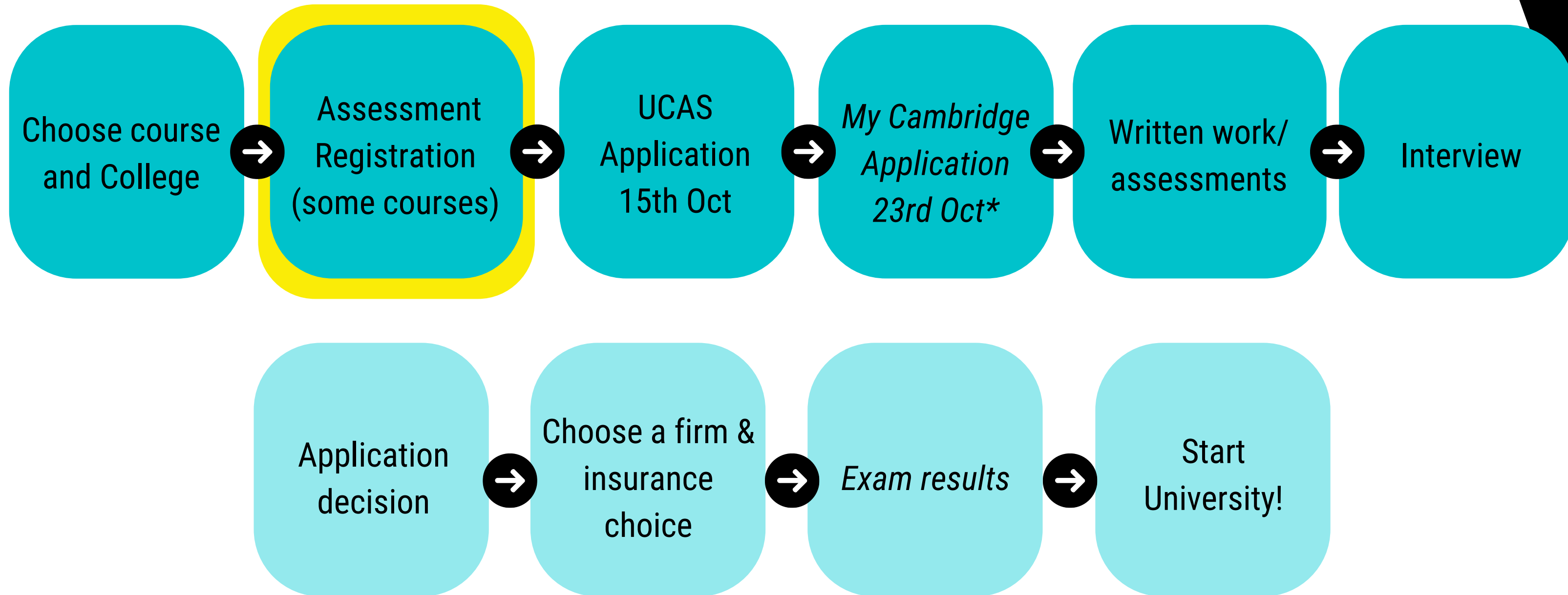
Virtual Tour

Webinars

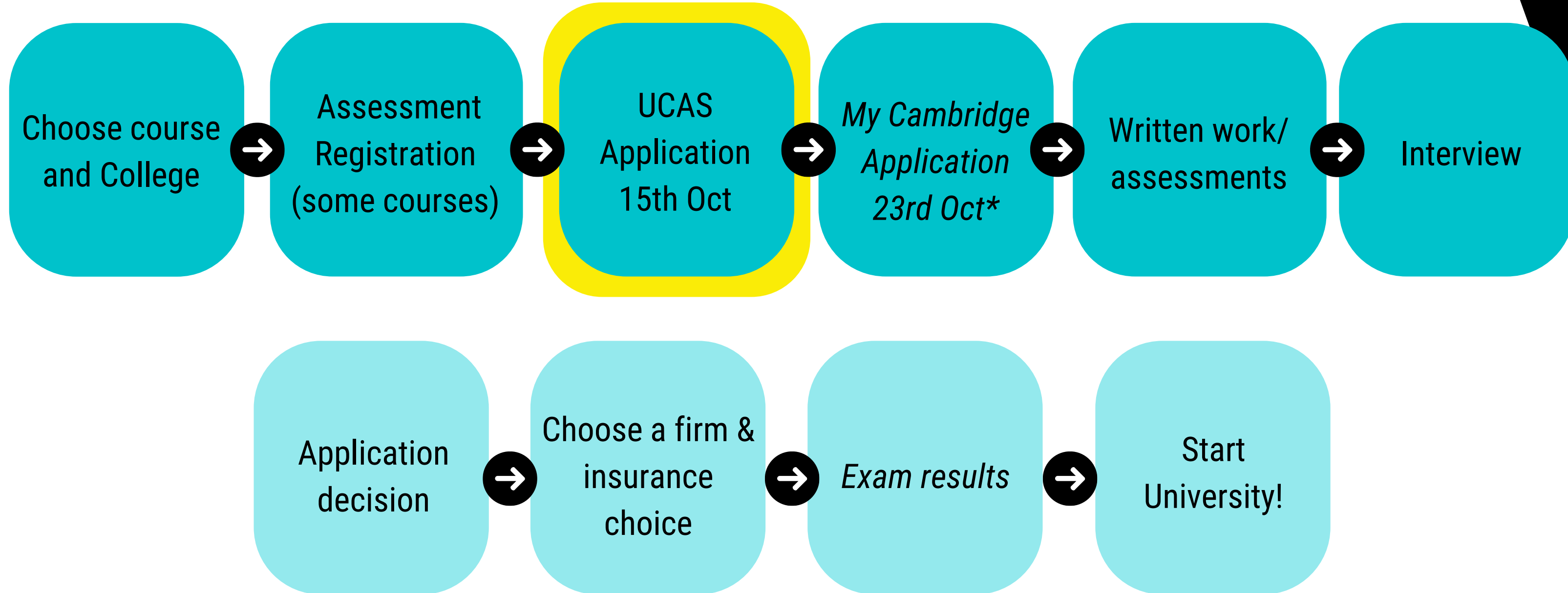
Open Days



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PERSONAL STATEMENTS

**Opportunity to sell
yourself**

**Suitability for chosen
course**

**Enthusiasm for
subject**

Exploration of subject

**Same form goes to every
university you apply to**

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

4,000 characters

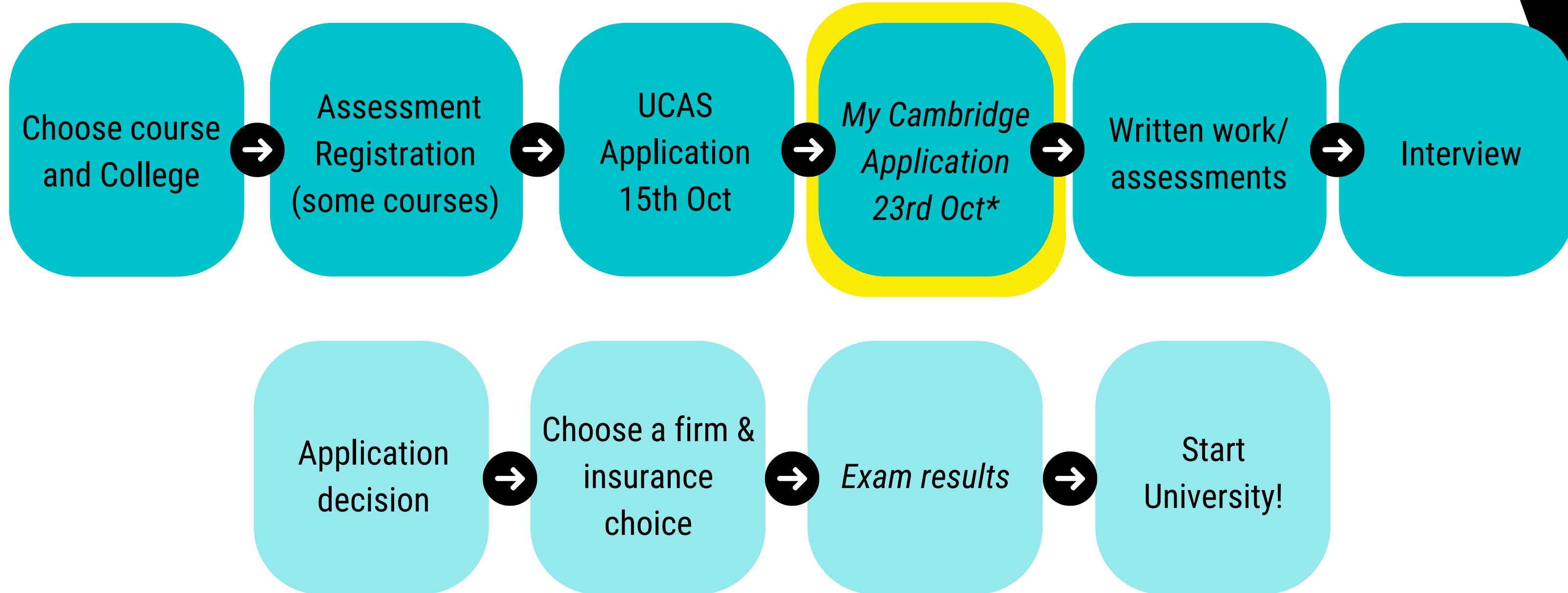
Essay structure

**Majority academic
related**

**Areas of particular
interest**

**Experience beyond the
curriculum**

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MY CAMBRIDGE APPLICATION

Cambridge only

**Sent to UCAS email
(check junk/spam!)**

**Mini Cambridge-specific
personal statement**

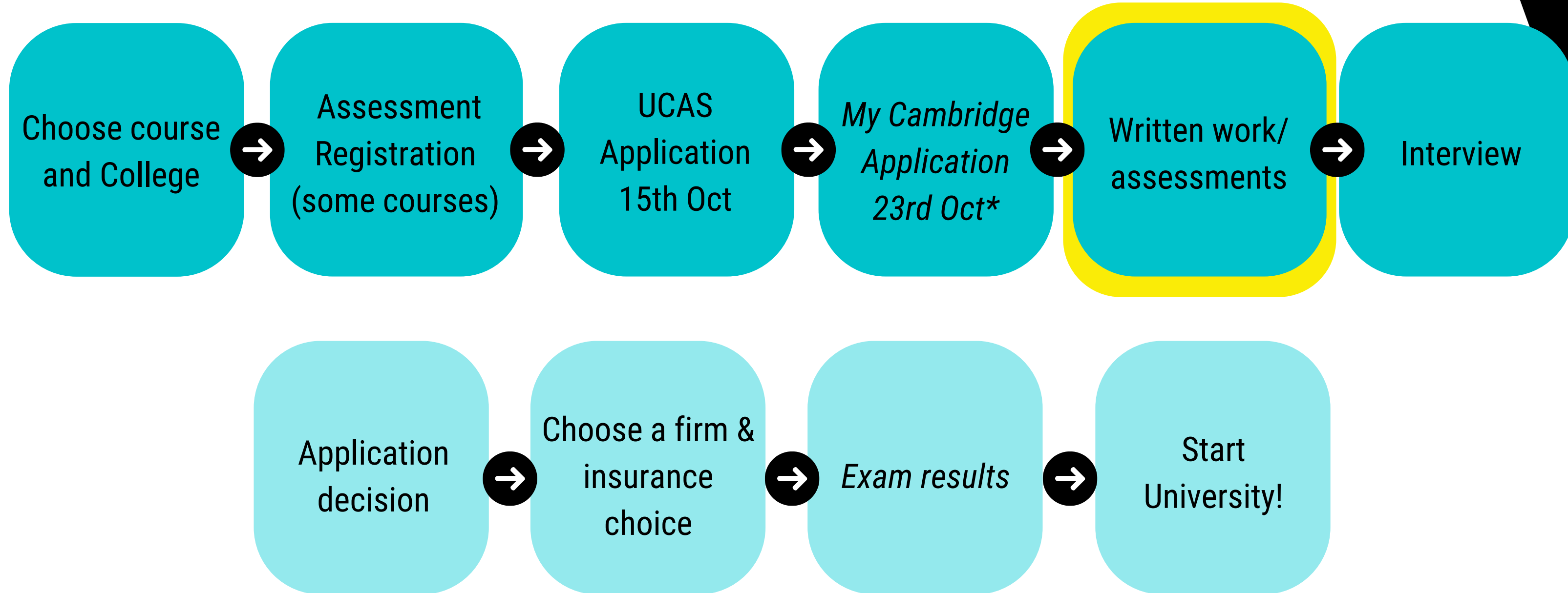
**Topics covered in A
level units**

**Options within certain
courses**

Photo

**Natural Sciences
Languages**

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ASSESSMENTS: OXFORD

LNAT

- Sit the LNat before, or at the latest on, 15 October 2024

UCAT

- 26th September 2024

All other Oxford tests

- New instructions coming in Spring 2024: CAT, Oxford ELAT, GAT, MAT and AMELAT, HAT, MLAT, PAT and Philosophy test, TSA

ASSESSMENTS: CAMBRIDGE

Pre-registration

- Check registration deadline
- ESAT, TMUA, UCAT, LNAT*
- 16th or 17th October 2024 (except LNAT)

College-registered

- No separate registration
- For applicants invited to interview
- Check course & College requirements

WRITTEN WORK

**Check subject &
College requirements**

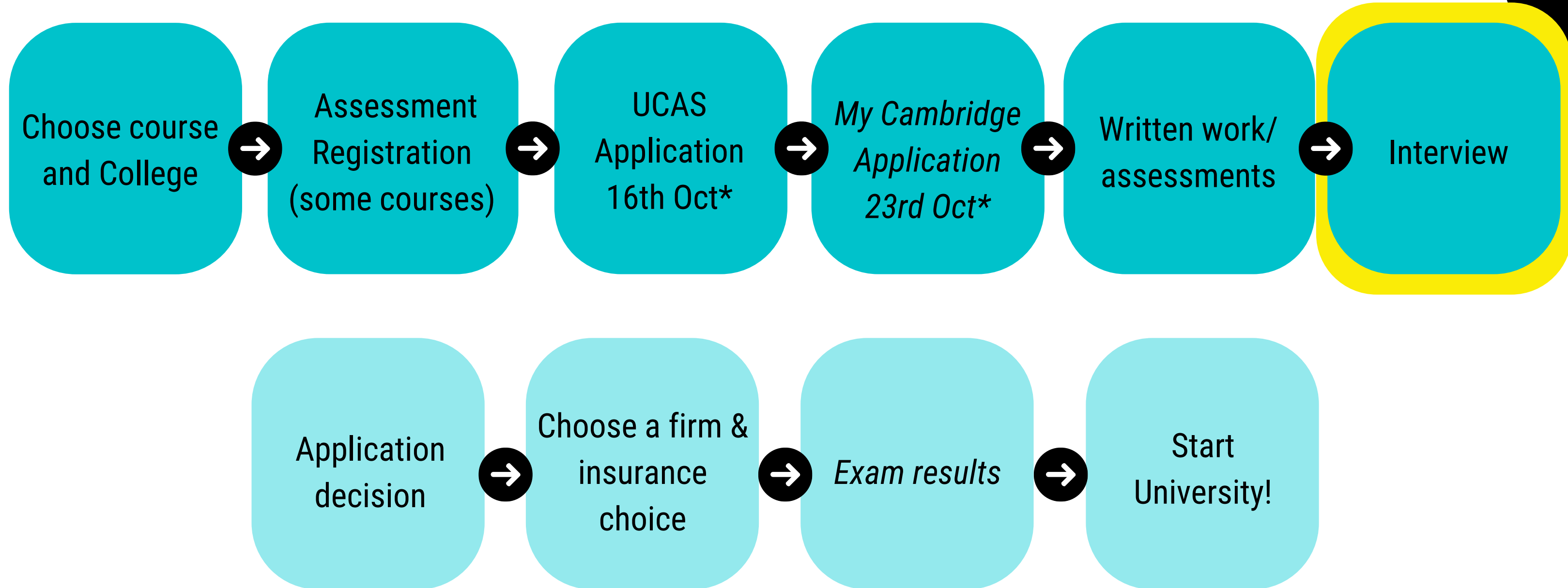
**Usually something
you've written as part
of your A levels**

**Choose something
you're likely to enjoy
discussing!**

**Something marked by
your teacher**



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INTERVIEWS

Academic in focus

**Intellectually challenging
and discussion based**

Not a quiz!

Carried out by academics

**Combine existing
knowledge with new
material**

Like a supervision

INTERVIEWS

**Usually 20-40
minutes**

**You'll be the only
candidates**

**Might be on one day,
might be over
different days**

**Usually one or two
interviews**



INTERVIEWS

We are looking for

Motivation for course

**Ability to think flexibly and
critically**

**Ability to apply knowledge to
new problems**

Openness to new ideas

We're not looking for

Pre-prepared answers

College choice

**Appearance or
'Oxbridge type'**

***There are no trick
questions!***

INTERVIEWS: PREPARING

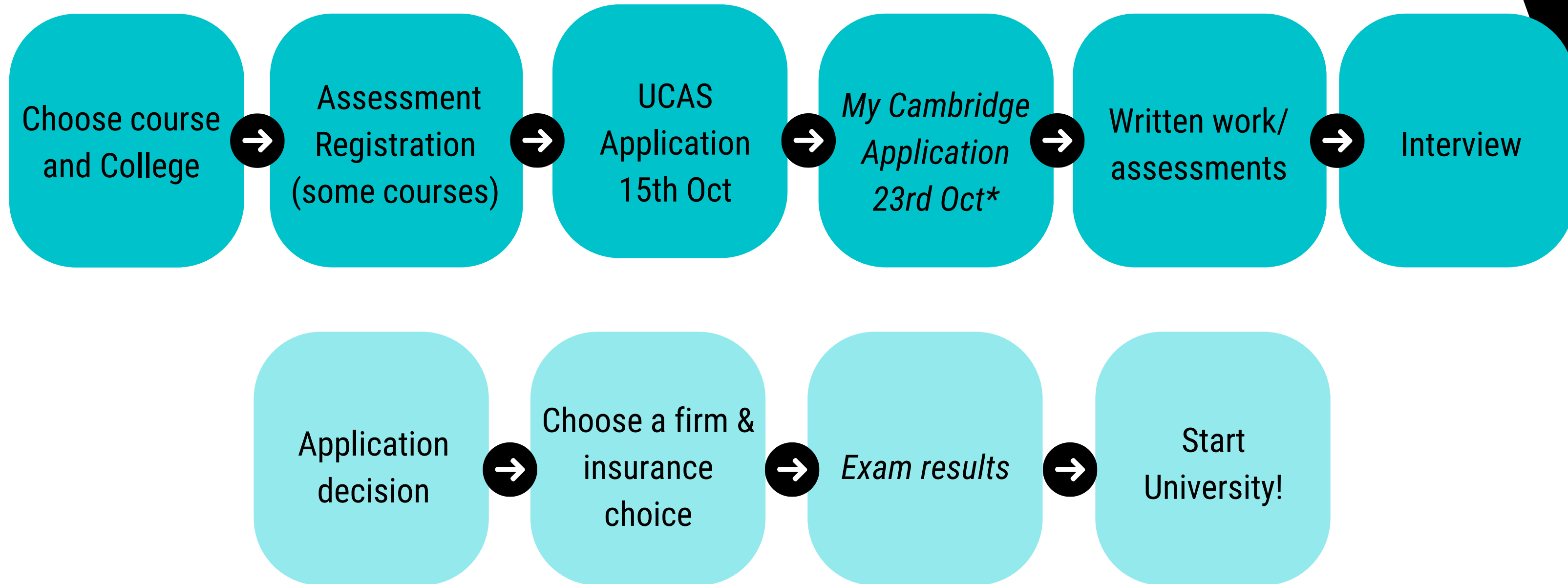
**Talk about your subject
out loud**

**Re-read and re-engage
with personal statement**

**Try thinking/working
through problems out loud**

**Arrive ready to engage
and discuss**


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WIDER EXPLORATION

07 JUN


Pembroke College Biosciences Online Taster Lecture
Location: Online



Pembroke is excited to be hosting a range of subject taster lectures this June!

09 JUN


Newnham College Essay Writing Masterclass Programme
Location: Online (via Zoom)



Over 8 weeks, receive expert instruction on essay-writing and research, experience a Cambridge-style supervision, and get personalised feedback on an essay you've written...

12 JUN


Homerton College Subject Focus Session: Archaeology
Location: Online event (Zoom)



Each Subject Focus Session will involve an introduction to Homerton College and Cambridge University from a member of our Admissions Team, followed by a taster session to give...

13 JUN


Teachers and Advisers' Webinar Series - Changes to Cambridge admissions in 2023
Location: Online



Aimed at teachers and advisers supporting students to apply in 2023 for 2024 entry, this session will offer an overview of admissions and highlight the key changes we have made...

13 JUN


Pembroke College Maths Online Taster Lecture
Location: Online



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14 JUN

Pembroke College Chemistry Online Taster Lecture
Location: Online



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Outreach event calendar

[Submit your next Oxford Outreach event \(University outreach staff only\).](#)

Upcoming events

Search

Before

09-05-2023

e.g. 09-06-2023

On or after

09-05-2023

e.g. 09-06-2023

Audience

-Any-

Location

-Any-

APPLY

18 APR

Historia Lectures
AGE 14-17 (YEAR 12), AGE 17-18 (YEAR 13) | STUDENTS
ONLINE | 18 APR 2023 TO 27 JUN 2023

10 MAY

Modern Languages Study Day
AGE 14-17 (YEAR 12) | STUDENTS
OXFORD | 10 MAY 2023

10 MAY

History Skills Workshop - History Research Skills
AGE 14-17 (YEAR 12), AGE 17-18 (YEAR 13) | STUDENTS
ONLINE | 10 MAY 2023

14 JUN

Balliol College History Taster Day

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

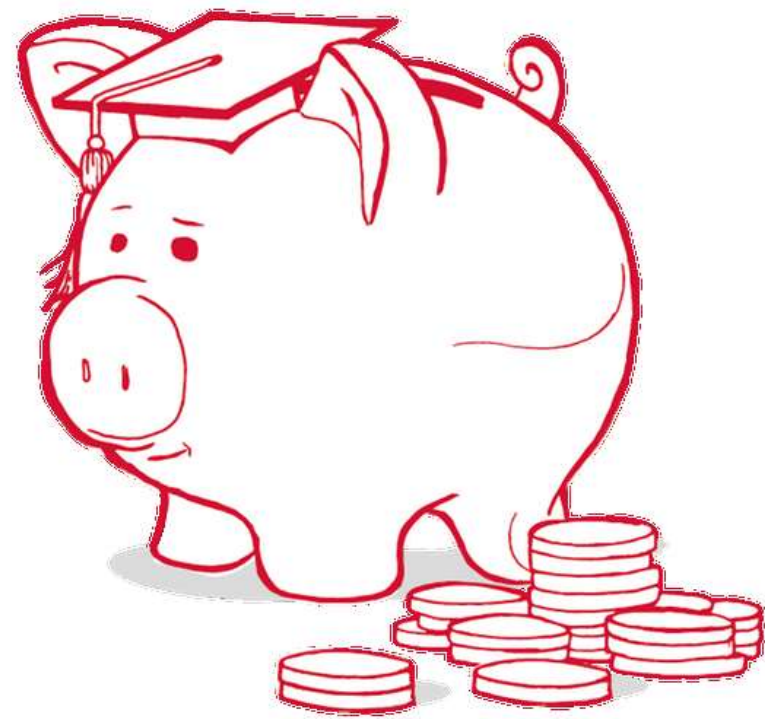


UNIVERSITY SUPPORT



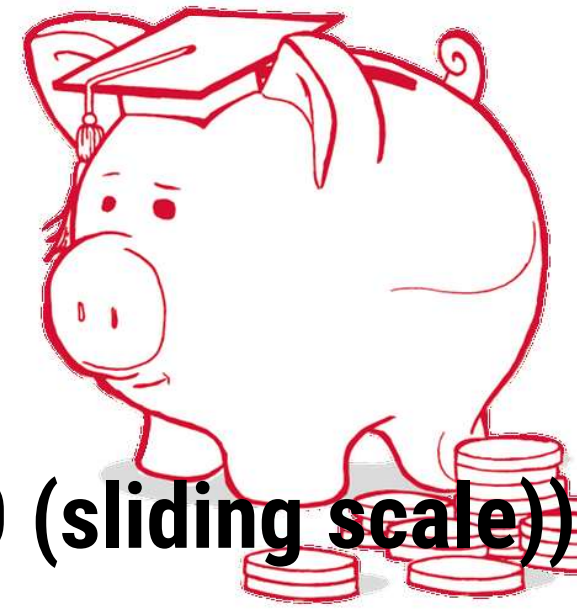
- **College-owned accommodation**
- **Free or subsidised facilities**
- **Subsidised meals and entertainment**
- **Bursaries**
- **College grants and awards (travel, book, equipment)**

CAMBRIDGE BURSARY



- **Non-repayable bursaries for living costs**
- **Up to £3,500 per year**
- **Household income of below £62,215 (sliding scale)**
- **Additional grants for students who were eligible for Free Schools Meals (extra £1,000 per year)**
- **www.cam.ac.uk/cambridgebursary**

OXFORD

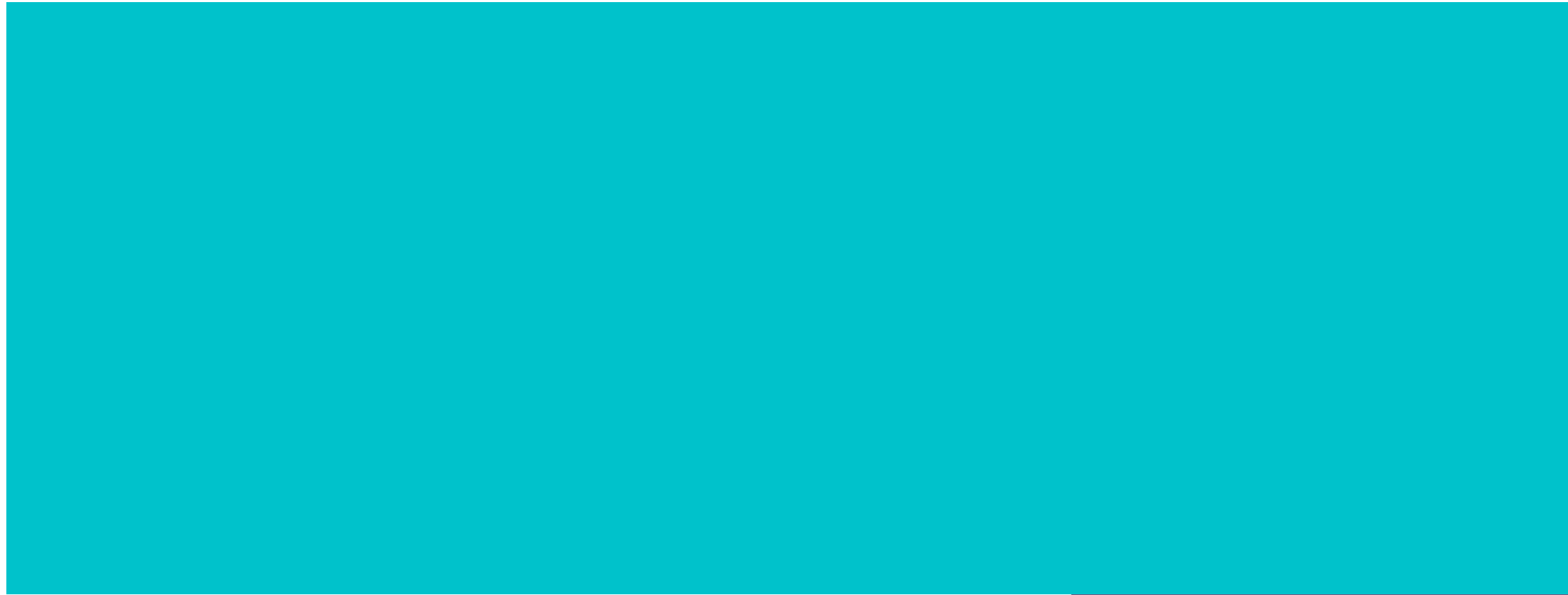


- **Crankstart Scholarships for UK Students (Household income below £32,000)**
- **Up to £5,800 per year non-repayable bursary**
- **Internship, work experience, volunteering programme**
- **Social and Events programme**

- **Oxford Bursaries (Household income of below £50,000 (sliding scale))**
- **Up to £4000 per year non-repayable bursary**

- **Additional grants (up to £3000) for care experienced students plus 365-day accommodation through college**
- **<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/oxford-support>**

Q&A



What Can I Study?



- Archaeology and Anthropology
- Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular)
- Biology
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Classical Archaeology and Ancient History
- Classics
- Classics and English
- Classics and Modern Languages
- Classics and Oriental Studies
- Computer Science
- Computer Science and Philosophy
- Earth Sciences (Geology)
- Economics and Management
- Engineering Science
- English Language and Literature
- English and Modern Languages
- European and Middle Eastern Languages
- Fine Art
- Geography
- History
- History (Ancient and Modern)
- History and Economics
- History and English
- History and Modern Languages
- History and Politics
- History of Art
- Human Sciences
- Law (Jurisprudence)
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Mathematics and Philosophy
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Medicine
- Modern Languages
- Modern Languages and Linguistics
- Music
- Oriental Studies
- Philosophy and Modern Languages
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
- Philosophy and Theology
- Physics
- Physics and Philosophy
- Psychology (Experimental)
- Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics
- Religion and Oriental Studies
- Theology and Religion

What Can I Study?



UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

- Anglo-Saxon, Norse, and Celtic
 - Archaeology
 - Architecture
 - Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
 - Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology
 - Classics
 - Computer Science
 - Design (new for 2024 entry)
 - Economics
 - Education
 - Engineering
 - English
 - Geography
 - History
 - History and Modern Languages
 - History and Politics
 - History of Art
 - Human, Social, and Political Sciences
 - Land Economy
 - Law
 - Linguistics
 - Mathematics
 - Medicine
 - Modern and Medieval Languages
 - Music
 - Natural Sciences
 - Philosophy
 - Psychological and Behavioural Sciences
 - Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion
 - Veterinary Medicine
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