

Realise your Potential

Whatever your background, make us your future.

Advice, guidance and support for care experienced students

UNIVERSITY of
STIRLING



What is university like?

The one thing that students comment on most at the University is the sense of community. As one of the smaller sized universities in Scotland students from all different backgrounds come together on a beautiful campus and are able to settle in and make friends easily. There is student accommodation on and off campus, guaranteed throughout the year for Care Leavers. Support and advice are close at hand to help you whenever you need it. You can talk to our student money advisers, gain support from the disability team or simply go to the Students' Union and introduce yourself to the non-traditional student adviser.

How do I find out about university?

Get in touch – it is as easy as that! Tracey Kerr is the dedicated point of contact for Care Experienced students and their supporters. All contact is confidential and impartial and, with your permission, we will help smooth the transition by putting you in contact with the right people to ensure you get the support you need.

Tracey Kerr – 01786 467045

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Come and see what it is like

If you can, we recommend that you come and see us. We can arrange individual visits for you and a friend, adviser or parent/guardian to introduce you to the university and answer any questions you might have. You may want to find out more about a particular subject, get advice about your qualifications or find out what specific support you could receive. Maybe you just want to see the campus. All you have to do is email us and we will do the rest.

Open Day / Applicant Day

On Open Day the university welcomes anyone interested in studying at Stirling. It includes subject specific sessions and information sessions on everything from finance and accommodation to student life. Applicant Days are for those students who have been made an offer by the university. This shows you what life as a student in a particular subject would be like.

Just register online and we will tell you everything you need to know **stir.ac.uk/65**

If you are coming on your own or are unsure of what to do on the day, get in touch once you have registered online and we will make sure you get the most out of your visit ✉ cli@stir.ac.uk.

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University student support

There is a range of support provided to make sure you enjoy your time at university, including an accommodation guarantee, finance, disability support, academic support and peer / student mentors. The Student Union also offer help and support to all students.

Pre-application and transition support

Our advisers will provide information, advice and guidance to anyone interested in applying to university. This can include help to choose a course, to find the right route into university or even how to write a personal statement. This support extends through the application process and into making the transition into university and your first weeks on campus.

Got any questions?

There is support available to you from the moment you think about going to university right through to when you become a student with us. All contact is confidential and impartial: -

- How to choose a course or university
- How to find out what you need to get in to a course
- What does the application process involve?
- What support can I get when I become a student?
- How do I apply for student accommodation?

And any other questions you might have!

Support for Support Workers

Our advisers will provide information, advice and guidance to anyone working with students from a looked after or care background. This may simply be to provide a specific point of contact for enquiries through to training sessions on supporting students through the application process. There is a range of support we can provide: -

- **Parent / guardian** – specific information for parents and guardians about the UCAS application process and life at university
- **Support staff / advisers training** – the University can provide training sessions on reading admissions, how to fill in the UCAS application form and supporting students in how to choose the correct course and/or institution
- **Campus visits** – if you would like to find out more about the university we can provide tailored visits to the campus. This could include, if required, time to meet with relevant support staff in Accommodation, Student Support, Disability Support and/or Admissions.

The endless opportunities that I have been given is something I really didn't expect when I began my journey at university. My confidence has grown so much, I have gained so much valuable experience and all while doing something I enjoy so much. Coming to university has completely transformed my whole life.

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