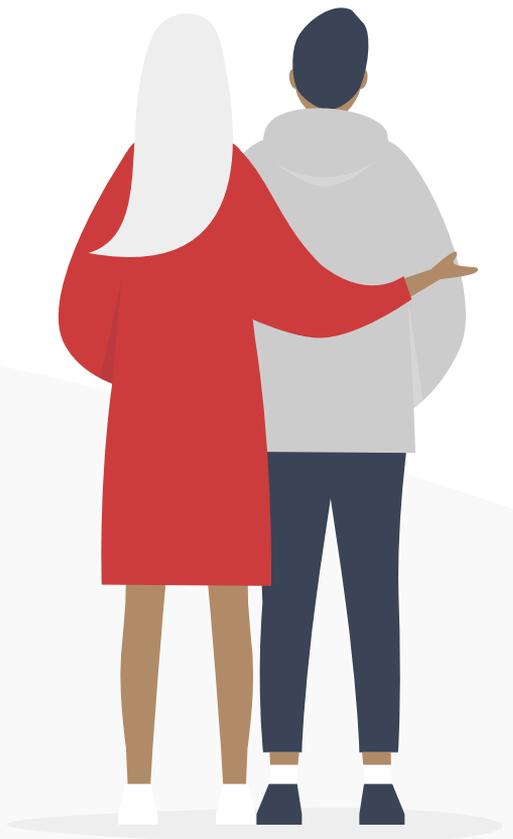


# How To Help Your Child Complete Their University Application Journey

Guiding Your Son/Daughter  
From Shortlisting to Application





This guide is designed to help you understand how you can be actively involved in your son's or daughter's BridgeU application process, and how you can help your child ensure they meet all the necessary deadlines & requirements.

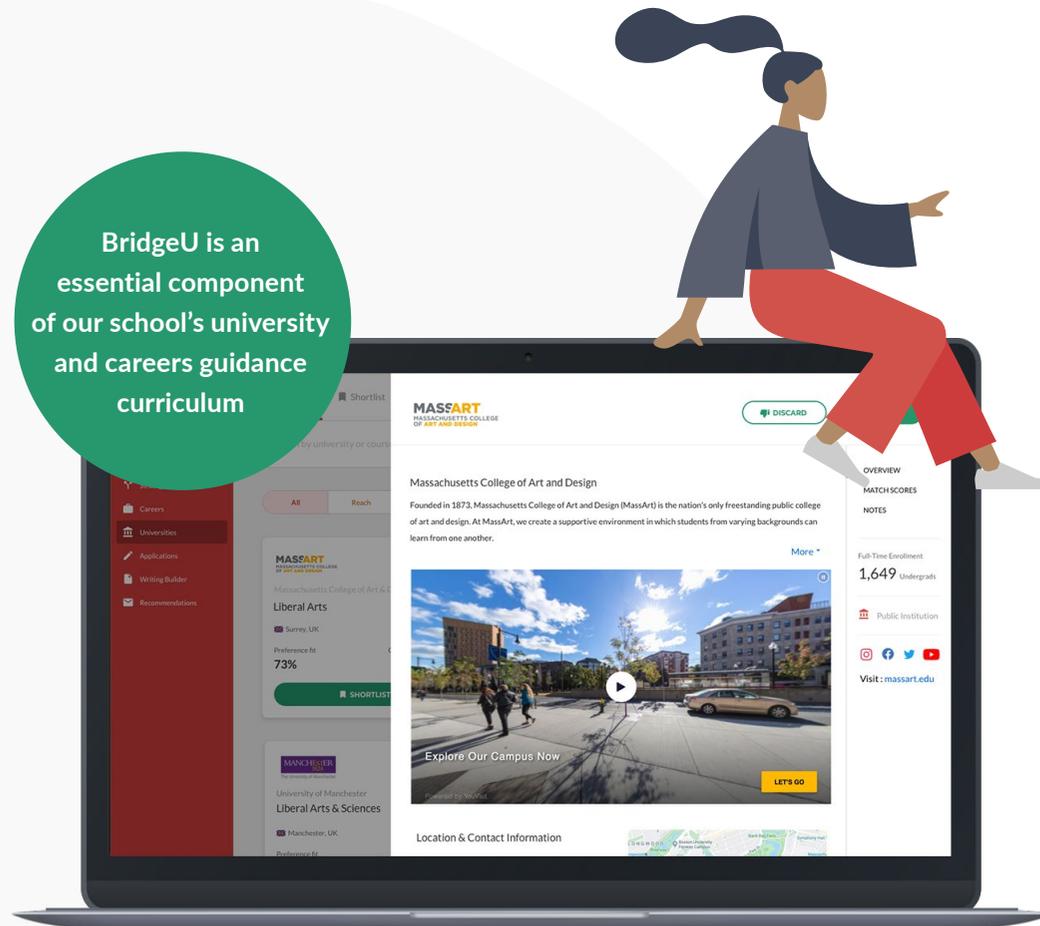
For your son or daughter, the next few months will be an important moment of decision. As well as working towards the completion of their final exams & school qualifications, they will be deciding what path they wish to take in the years after secondary school.

We know these are big decisions for our students. Finding the right higher education and career pathway is not an easy process. As they submit their applications to their chosen university or college, there are a lot of deadlines they will need to stick to!

That's why BridgeU is an essential component of our school's university and careers guidance curriculum.

BridgeU puts all the essential information students need to know about the higher education application process in one place. In addition, BridgeU is designed to help our students keep track of the important deadlines and milestones, ensuring they submit their applications on time.

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Over the next few months, we'll be guiding our students through this process.

We'll be ensuring they **shortlist** their preferred destinations in BridgeU.

We'll be working with students to discuss their BridgeU shortlists, and help them make a **final application list**.

We'll be helping our students to complete & submit their **final applications** to the universities & colleges that are right for them.



A BridgeU Student's Application Journey:

# The Next Steps

There are three essential steps that our students will be taking in the coming months to help them prepare for life after secondary school. Here's how that journey looks in the BridgeU platform.

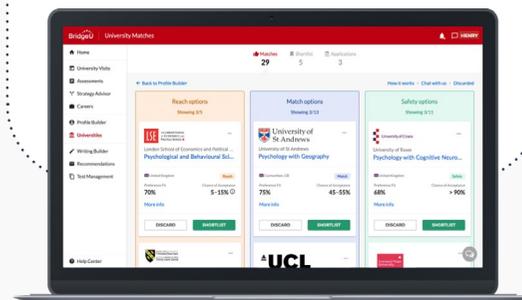
## Step 1

### BridgeU students complete their shortlist

Shortlisting is a vital first step for students using BridgeU. Not only does creating a shortlist allow students to focus their research, but students can also access a range of valuable & exclusive opportunities. These include scholarships & financial aid, not to mention receiving notifications if/when one of their shortlisted universities visits or makes contact with the school.

#### How can you help?

If your son/daughter hasn't completed their shortlist, please encourage them to do so. Shortlisting a university will allow students to access some of the extra resources/information we mentioned above. It will also allow their school counselor/careers adviser to see where students' interests lie & offer them the best guidance.



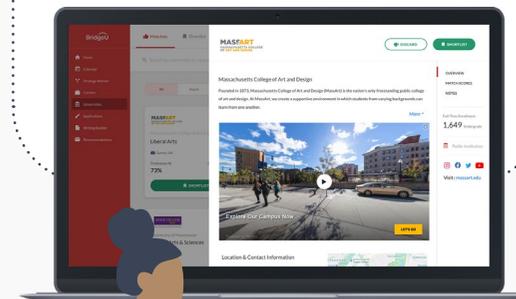
## Step 2

### Students turn their shortlist into an application list

Next, we will be asking our students to make a final decision on the universities or colleges they actually want to apply to. We'll work with students to help them decide which destination is right for them, based on their academic performance & personal preferences.

#### How can you help?

Talk to your son/daughter about their shortlisted universities. Which universities have the most interesting & valuable degree programmes? Can they see themselves enjoying campus life at particular universities? Will they be able to meet the admission requirements?



## Step 3

### Students complete & submit their applications

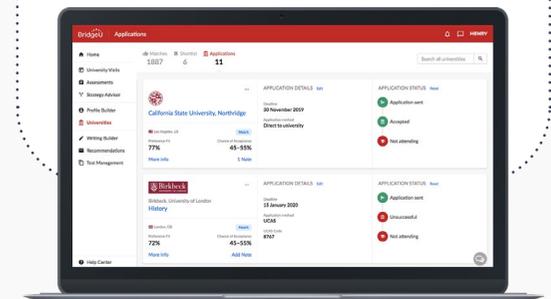
Once they've finalised their application list, students will be expected to complete & submit their applications. BridgeU has a range of essay writing tools & resources to help your student's applications stand out from the crowd. Your son/daughter's counselor will use BridgeU to set tasks & reminders, ensuring that all of our students meet the necessary deadlines.

#### How can you help?

Ensure your students stick to their assigned deadlines. Where necessary, remind your students to log into BridgeU and complete any tasks that their adviser sets for them.

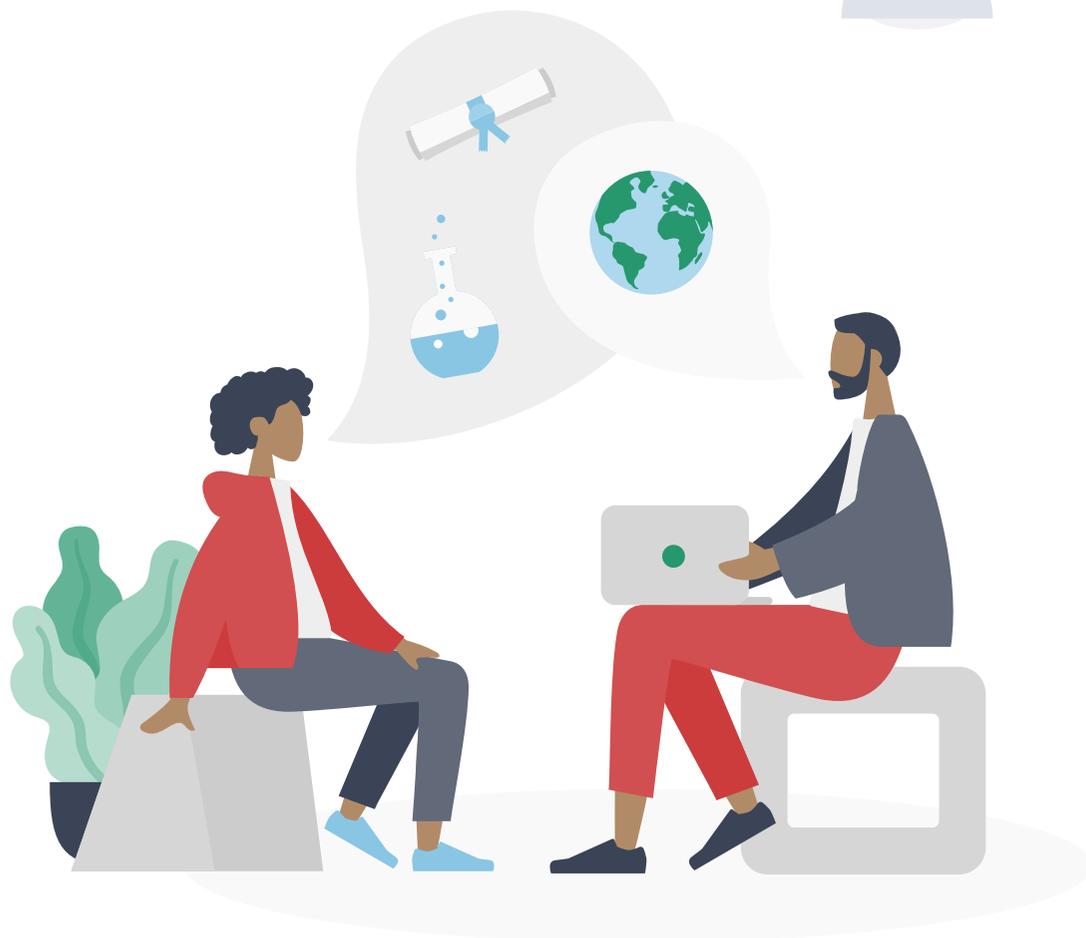
Lots of emotional support will help them too!

Applying to university can be a daunting process. Let your son/daughter know that the hard work will pay off.



# Top Tips

## Helping Your Child to Complete Their University Applications



### Discuss the university experience

What does your son or daughter want from university? Are they studying for a degree because they're passionate about the subject, or purely because they want to improve their earning potential? These are both valid factors in the decision making process, but neither should be allowed to dominate (e.g. students shouldn't do a degree they'll hate because it will lead to a high salary).

### Help them explore their options

Your son/daughter will be doing a lot of research in preparation for their university application. They'll be considering factors such as the structure of their undergraduate degree & what life will be like on campus. They may also be worried about the affordability of university.

They'll be seeking your advice as they weigh up these decisions. It's helpful to ensure that any advice is as impartial, kind & honest as possible.

### Help them to set achievable goals

Of course, your son or daughter will be managing their university application alongside their existing schoolwork. There will be additional workload and other responsibilities competing for their attention.

You can help by encouraging your son/daughter to set achievable goals and deadlines. For example, helping them to finalise their university shortlist is a really useful way to ensure they set realistic goals for the number of universities they may end up applying to.

### Keep them working to application deadlines

As we've covered elsewhere in this guide, there will be a lot of deadlines that your son/daughter will need to stick to in order to ensure their university applications are sent successfully.

If you haven't already, make sure you're encouraging your students to log in to BridgeU, ensuring that they stay on top of any and all deadlines as they arise.

# Finish Shortlisting

With application deadlines growing nearer, it's important that your son/daughter finalises their university shortlist as soon as possible.

If they haven't already, make sure your son/daughter logs in to BridgeU & completes their university shortlist.



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