

Lesson 13

Lesson 13 Overview

Researching shortlisted universities

Learning Outcomes:

Research university options to better understand the universities or courses to which you want to apply.

Preparation for this lesson:

Access your BridgeU platform

Print or share links - see Activity 2 - for info on university visits.

Lesson 13 Activity 1

Researching shortlisted universities

Log in to BridgeU and click on **Universities > Shortlist**.

Add research notes to your scrapbook for each of your shortlisted universities or courses.

- Does the university offer courses or majors aligned with your interests?
- Are there any entry requirements you have not yet met?
 - E.g., Admissions or language tests
- What are the application requirements?
 - Are there any supplementary requirements such as a portfolio, audition, or interview?
- Is there an application deadline?
 - If there are multiple deadline options, which deadline are you aiming for?

Activity: Add notes to your BridgeU scrapbook
Format: BridgeU task
Duration: 30 minutes

The screenshot shows the BridgeU 'University Matches' interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options like Home, University Visits, Assessments, Strategy Advisor, Careers, Profile Builder, Universities, Writing Builder, Recommendations, and Test Management. The main area displays a list of university matches with columns for Matches (5721), Shortlist (14), and Applications (8). Three university cards are visible: Queen Mary University of London (Business with Law), Loughborough University (Mathematics and Accounting and F...), and The University of Warwick (Mathematics and Statistics (Bachel...)). Each card shows a location (London, GB), a percentage (70%), and a choice of acceptance (25-35%, 15-25%, 72%). Buttons for 'DISCARD' and 'SHORTLIST' are present for each match.

The right side of the screenshot shows a detailed view of Queen Mary University of London. It includes a video player with a play button, a description of the university as a leading research-focused institution, and a sidebar with 'OVERVIEW', 'MATCH SCORES', 'NOTES', 'Full-time Enrollment 12,811 Undergrads', and 'Public Institution'. Below the video, there are sections for 'MAJORS / COURSES' and 'VIDEOS'.

Lesson 13 Activity 2

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As you begin to narrow in on your **application list**, it is important to seek more detailed information about your destinations. Depending on your circumstances, there are many options including:

- Open days ([more info and tips](#))
- University rep visits/University fairs ([more info and tips](#))
- Virtual tours
- Take a look at the [BridgeU virtual university showcases](#)
- Make contact with current students or recent graduates

If you have the opportunity to speak with a uni rep or a current student:

Brainstorm a list of questions to ask. Try to come up with 2-3 questions. Remember these rules:

✗ Don't ask for information that is available online

✓ Do ask for an email address to send a thank you message and any follow up questions

Activity: Connect with university representatives
Format: Individual assignment
Duration: 10 minutes

