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THE EMERGENCE OF UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS TESTS IN THE UK

Here's Everything You Should Know About TMUA and ESAT

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Introduction

In 2023, Imperial College London and the University of Cambridge established a joint venture named UAT-UK, or University Admissions Tests UK. As a charitable organization, it aims to advance education in the UK by developing tests to aid in selecting students for degree programs. Initially focused on mathematics, engineering, and science, UAT-UK will start accepting applications for the 2025 academic year in October 2024. The two available tests are the Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA) and the Engineering and Science Admissions Test (ESAT), both administered by Pearson VUE through its global test centers.

The Role of Admissions Tests

State exams, such as GCSE A-Level and other public assessments, effectively measure a student's abilities and provide crucial preparation for their courses. However, with many applicants achieving or expected to achieve top grades, an admissions test offers an additional opportunity for students to showcase their skills, such as mathematical problem-solving, subject knowledge, and understanding of course-related topics. It also allows universities to benchmark applicants across different qualifications.

Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA)

TMUA evaluates mathematical thinking and reasoning skills through a 2-hour and 30-minute computer-based assessment. It includes two 75-minute multiple-choice subtests with 20 questions each: Applications of Mathematical Knowledge, which tests applying math in new contexts, and Mathematical Reasoning, which assesses reasoning and logic skills. For the 2025 entry, TMUA offers two testing windows, 16-17 October 2024 and 8-9 January 2025, aligned with UCAS deadlines used by both universities. Applicants to the University of Cambridge must take the TMUA in the October window. Testing windows are set annually by UAT-UK and Pearson VUE.

Engineering and Science Admissions Test (ESAT)

ESAT assesses mathematical and scientific thinking, along with reasoning skills. The test includes five modules: Mathematics 1 (compulsory), Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics 2. Candidates typically take Mathematics 1 and two additional modules based on course requirements. Each 40-minute module is administered consecutively, totaling 120 minutes. An erasable booklet is provided for working, but calculators are not allowed. TMUA offers two testing windows, 15-16 October 2024 and 7-8 January 2025. The test features both straightforward and creative problem-solving questions. Each correct answer earns 1 mark, with no penalties for incorrect answers, and results are reported separately for each module.

Test Scheduling, Costs, and Registration Steps

Tests will be administered at Pearson VUE centers worldwide, with over 5,500 locations in 180 countries. The ESAT and TMUA test windows are October 15–16 and October 16–17, respectively. Entry fees are £75 in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, and £130 elsewhere, with no additional test center fee. Fees can be paid via debit/credit card or bursary voucher during booking. Students must self-register through the Pearson VUE website, create an account with their legal name (which may take up to 24 hours), and note their UAT-UK candidate ID. After account setup, they can log in, select a test location, and pay for the test.

Bursary Application and Eligibility

The UAT-UK bursary scheme provides full test fee coverage for UK candidates in financial need. Applicants must meet specific criteria and submit relevant documentation, with one bursary code available per test each application cycle. Voucher applications open in June or September. Eligibility includes receiving Free School Meals, 16–19 Bursary/EMA, or various means-tested benefits. Applicants must live in the UK, plan to test at a UK center, and have documentation showing benefits.

Test Preparation and Resources

The tests cover GCSE and AS-level mathematics and science, requiring minimal additional preparation. Candidates should review their knowledge and familiarize themselves with the test format and question style. Practice tests with detailed answers and a timed practice test available in early June are provided. Candidates should review the test specifications for any extra topics and use the Pearson VUE test player to explore specimen tests and features. Preparation materials include notes on Mathematics (for TMUA Paper 1 and ESAT Mathematics 2), Logic and Proof (for TMUA Paper 2), and past question archives.

Test Results and Reporting

The test results will be available on November 25, about six weeks after the tests, via the Pearson VUE booking portal. Results are automatically sent to all participating universities, so candidates do not need to submit them. Only results from the first sitting are accepted; retakes are not allowed, and results are valid for one admissions cycle. There are no pass or fail grades; scores are based on correct answers, with no penalties for incorrect ones. Candidates should aim to answer all questions to maximize their scores.

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How TCU Nurtures Both Personal and Professional Growth

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In the chaos of college applications, there is usually so much confusion about what criteria matters most while choosing where you want to be. U.S. News & World Report and The Princeton Review are, no doubt, a frequent destination during these times. Often, we get so stuck on the academic rankings that there are things we forget to consider. For instance, our quality of life is a big factor we forget to consider. However, if you're lucky, your university will already be thinking about that for you. The students at TCU, for instance, are some of the lucky ones.

Everything at TCU is designed with careful attention to what the students need and what would help them advance most, as professionals and as people. It's no surprise that TCU's students are ranked the happiest students in the U.S. by The Princeton Review. Spread across 302 acres, TCU's beautiful campus welcomes students from all over the world. Around 50% of the incoming class each year comes from outside Texas. The university boasts a small-college- warmth while also providing its students with big university resources.

The university has eight colleges: the Neeley School of Business, the College of Science of Engineering, the Harris School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the AddRan College of Liberal Arts, the College of Fine Arts, the College of Education, the Bob Schieffer College of Communication and the John V. Roach Honors College. Among these colleges, TCU provides over 115 programs of study for their undergraduate students.

TCU's core values -- integrity, engagement, community and excellence are built into the fabric of the university. Due to the impact that our 100,000+ alumni have across the world, it becomes imperative that an education at TCU is holistic and well-rounded, and it prepares students for their responsibilities in a global community. Everything from the core curriculum, which are the courses outside of one's major that they need to take, to the extra curriculars are designed to fulfil this mission.

Excellence is achieved in every sense at TCU. Our school has twenty-one Division I athletic teams, with about 40% of our undergraduate students involved in research on campus. Academically, we are ranked in the top 100 among U.S. universities by U.S. News & World Report (2023). None of these numbers mean anything, however, if the results didn't also show in the form of career outcomes. TCU's Center for Career Services has been ranked in the top 25 in the US by The Princeton Review, 2020-2024, 98% of students are employed or attending graduate school within six months after graduation.

Granted, these numbers are important and one of the factors you must consider while applying to schools. However, words or even pictures are not enough to translate the spirit you will find on TCU's campus. Any assumptions that you make about TCU based on the existence of the word Texas and Christian in the name, are long forgotten the moment you step onto this campus. Diverse students from all over the world are welcomed and supported. Over 60+ religious traditions are represented and, more importantly, respected on campus. There are more than 275 clubs and organizations, including the International Student Association, which hosts many events in the Intercultural Center. The facilities, from the library to the recreational center, are uncharacteristically equipped for a university this size.

If TCU is on your list, get ready to experience university spirit to the fullest. Ranging from our unique Horned Frog mascot to our colors and athletic teams, we love showing our love for our community, from our alumni to the ones who are just thinking about TCU as a potential place they would like to be. The bottom line is that no matter what you're looking for out of a college experience, there's a chance you will find it at TCU. It is a community that never fails to show you the meaning of genuine Southern hospitality.

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Ranked among the nation's top universities by *U.S. News & World Report*, Texas Christian University is a powerful academic community made up of passionate and ethical leaders, all striving to become a force for the greater good.

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10,918 student population



LOCATION

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INDEPENDENT

Founded in 1873, TCU is historically related to, but not governed by, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a Protestant denomination that values social justice and inclusiveness. All values and viewpoints are welcome with more than 60 faith traditions and denominations represented on campus.

FACILITIES

At TCU, you'll discover sparkling new facilities for most academic areas, along with a spacious recreation center and completely renovated sports venues. Similarly, all residence halls are either new or recently renovated. Most upper-class dorms feature suite-style living with full-size beds in private bedrooms, bathrooms and living areas. Wifi covers the entire campus.

The University Union offers multiple food stations and an all-you-can-eat meal plan, so going hungry is not an option. Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options are available.

When it's time to hit the books, you'll find millions of resources at the campus library (open 24 hours a day during the school week), along with a huge computer lab, coffee shop and comfy chairs.

CAMPUS

Our 291 beautifully-landscaped, tree-lined acres are nestled in a residential neighborhood near parks, museums and shops, and just a few minutes from downtown Fort Worth.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

The Wall Street Journal ranks TCU #3 in the nation for student engagement. More than 200 student groups including community service, leadership development, religious clubs, ROTC, national sororities and fraternities, intramural sports, student media, Phi Beta Kappa and the Honors College keep students busy outside of classes. NCAA Division I athletics competing in the Big 12 Conference make for plenty of school spirit and a contagious sense of pride.

APPLYING TO TCU

While the statistics show that TCU students are far from ordinary, admission to TCU is not a numbers game. We consider the whole picture - grades and scores, yes, but you too: your goals, your potential, your ability to communicate, your leadership and work experience. To apply to TCU, visit admissions.tcu.edu/apply.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

TCU offers merit scholarships to high academic achievers. For need-based financial aid consideration, submit the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE (cssprofile.org). U.S. citizens and permanent residents must also submit the FAFSA (fafsa.gov).

TCU

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DEADLINES

Freshman Deadlines

November 1	Early Action, non-binding decision by January 1
November 1	Early Decision, binding decision by January 1; Enrollment deposit required by January 15
October 1	Application deadline for spring semester
February 1	Regular Decision, non-binding decision by April 1

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February 1	Fall Early Action Deadline
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 - Entrepreneurship and Innovation#
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 - Finance/Real Estate#
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 - Marketing#
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5 THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN PUBLISHING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL RESEARCH PROJECT

The Secret Steps to Crafting a Compelling and Personalized 'Why Us' Essay

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A high school research project is an exciting learning experience that allows you to learn skills and demonstrate your creativity. Often, students will share their learnings and findings in a written research paper. While writing the research paper is a great accomplishment in itself, you deserve to share that work with the world by publishing your research paper. This can boost your research's credibility even further and make the research even more compelling on your resume. In this article, I'll share 5 things to keep in mind when you're looking to publish your high school research project.

1. Quality and Integrity of Research

Quality research has several non-negotiables, the first of which is accurate data. If you're referencing a data source that you found, make sure that the data comes from a reliable source and that you're representing it accurately in your argument. Further, a great research paper makes sound and logical arguments. Even if you're confident in your arguments, reread the paper to make sure that there are no holes or obvious counterpoints that you haven't addressed.

2. Originality

Plagiarism has become an increasingly discussed issue due to generative AI tools like ChatGPT and Claude. While tools like ChatGPT can help you create research paper outlines and cite sources, you should triple-check to ensure there's no plagiarism in the paper. You can check this by running your research paper through plagiarism detectors like GPTZero and Turnitin. You'll also want to make sure that you've cited all of your sources properly and have a detailed and accurate bibliography.

3. Get Feedback From Others

Sometimes, a fresh pair of eyes on your research paper can help! You can get feedback from both peers and mentors who are well-versed in your subject. This feedback can help make your writing flow more smoothly, identify obvious counterarguments that you didn't address, and point out data that can be presented more clearly and compellingly. Just tell your peers to be as honest as possible so that you can receive useful feedback!

4. Reputation of the Publication

Many high school research journals are out there, so it's important to understand their differences. There are three types of journals: peer-reviewed journals, non-peer-reviewed journals, and pre-print archives. peer-reviewed journals go through the peer-review process, where independent experts evaluate your research paper and provide suggestions before deciding whether to accept your work for publication. Once you've received the suggestions you can choose to make revisions before submitting your final paper to the journal. From there the journal editor decides whether to publish your work or not. Non-peer-reviewed journals do not go through this process and are generally easier to publish your work in. Finally, pre-print archives are online repositories where students can upload and share their research papers without undergoing any review process. Some common pre-print archives include arXiv.org and www.biorxiv.org.

However, be cautious of "predatory journals," which offer misleading information and bypass the peer-review process, allowing students to publish without proper scrutiny. They also often charge a significant "publication fee" and offer "fast-track fees" to expedite the publication process. To help you out, check out Polygence's article that shares [18 reputable journals](#) that we've vetted and seen our students successfully publish in. Polygence also offers a comprehensive [Showcasing Database](#) with all the reputable journals and conferences where you can share your work.

5. Be Mindful of The Publishing Timeline

The peer-review and editing process can often take several months so it's important to plan ahead, especially if you want your research published by a certain time. For example, if you'd like to include your published research on your early decision college applications which are due November 1, you don't want to wait until the fall to start submitting to journals. Ideally, you'll want to start well before the fall to give yourself ample time to make revisions based on peer-reviewed feedback. This would also allow you more wiggle room to submit elsewhere if you don't get published in the first journal of your choice. Since academic convention has it that you are only allowed to submit your work to one peer-reviewed journal at a time, it's important to have a strategy and to identify your priority outlets.

If you're in a time crunch, non-peer-reviewed journals and pre-print archives are a great option. They generally take less time to get published, and you can publish in them in parallel to submitting to a peer-reviewed journal.

Conclusion

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EB-5 IN 2024: A WHITE PAPER

Key Developments and Predictions for the EB-5 Program

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Introduction

2022 was a landmark year for the EB-5 program with the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act (RIA) bringing much-needed clarity to the program's future. In 2023, USCIS guidance regarding the two-year investment sustainment period made redeployment virtually irrelevant in the post-RIA era. This white paper compiles industry leader predictions for 2024. Key EB-5 program developments include set asides, particularly 20% for rural projects, and concurrent filing. Set asides have prompted developers to explore new options, while concurrent filing offers investors work and travel benefits soon after filing I-526. With program stability, improved processing times, and record EB-5 visa availability, 2024 is expected to be a standout year for the EB-5 program.

Evolution of the EB-5 Program

The EB-5 program and the popular Regional Center (RC) program were created in 1990 and 1992, respectively. Initially, the program was a novelty restricted to the super wealthy with less than 50 RCs in the country until 2008. Demand surged among Chinese investors in 2008, leading to a 2,500% increase in RCs over the next decade. Total EB-5 investments crossed \$33 billion by 2020, despite challenges like visa shortages, slow processing rates, and lack of long-term clarity. The 2019 Modernization Rule marked a tumultuous period, hiking minimum investments only for the Behring ruling to suspend it. The RC program expired in June 2021, causing further uncertainty. The RIA settled the minimum investment requirement and extended the RC program for five years, ending the uncertainty around the program's future.

Current State of the EB-5 Industry

Demand among investors remained high in 2023 due to various factors, including the end of the pandemic, 50-year wait times for Indian H-1B workers, reserved category visas offering faster routes for Chinese investors, and faster processing of unreserved visa petitions. RCs are navigating RIA changes like increased compliance requirements, higher fees, and the challenges of rural projects. While the RIA has been positive, RCs are in a state of transition, likely to continue into 2024.

Regulatory Environment

The RIA confirms the continuation of the RC program, adjusting minimum investments with inflation every five years and extending the RC program for five years. It settles redeployment of funds, reserves visas for specific projects, and allows concurrent filing. Concerns remain, such as non-binding USCIS guidance on the investment sustainment period and fund recovery after two years. Changes like mandatory third-party oversight and the Integrity Fund aim to enhance transparency and counter the perception of poor oversight.

Investor Trends

Investors are taking more time for due diligence, slowing EB-5 decisions. Peter Calabrese, CEO of CanAm Investor Services, LLC, stresses the importance of immigration status and fund repayment. RIA changes have increased demand for rural projects due to no backlogs and faster processing. High loan interest rates have attracted developers to EB-5 funding, introducing inexperienced players. Despite this, investors are considering non-traditional projects. Post-RIA, Chinese and Indian investors can avoid backlogs and gain conditional residency after I-526 approval. HUE TEA processing times have halved, allowing more options within risk tolerance.

Regional Analysis

Chinese demand for EB-5 visas is resurging, driven by renewed interest among Chinese students in the US. However, stricter capital controls in China and Vietnam challenge compliance with Source of Funds requirements. Indian demand remains high, with H-1B visa holders and students showing sustained interest in the program. The spate of tech layoffs and political rhetoric around the H-1B visa may prompt Indian professionals to switch to the EB-5 route.

Economic Factors

The US economy is expected to slow in 2024 due to high inflation and rate hikes, with GDP growth projected to fall from 2.8% in 2023 to 0.7% in 2024. Geopolitical risks from conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, and potential China-Taiwan flare-ups may push the US into recession. Inflation may moderate, but economic performance remains uncertain, leading to conservative policies. Investors from China, Vietnam, and India face challenges like capital export limits and additional tax burdens.

Technology and Innovation

The EB-5 industry is ambivalent about technology and innovations like Artificial Intelligence (AI). Less than a quarter of industry leaders view tech as significantly impactful, making the EB-5 industry an outlier in the financial and real estate sectors. Despite this, innovations in prop-tech and fintech could improve transparency, due diligence, and project monitoring. Adoption of IT tools and AI could enhance compliance, lower costs, and boost investor confidence.

Predictions for 2024

The EB-5 industry expects strong demand in 2024, but concerns remain about visa adjudication, issuance speed, and USCIS handling of visa carryover. Geopolitical uncertainty is the only non-USCIS factor likely to impact the industry. Armed conflicts may prompt investment migration, but their economic impact is difficult to forecast.

Opportunities and Challenges

The RIA offers opportunities for stakeholders to improve the EB-5 industry. Rohit Turkhud, Counsel at Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC, highlights the challenge of conflicts of interest in EB-5 deals and the need for clear, informed advice to investors. The high-risk, low-return paradox in the industry needs addressing, with set asides and non-traditional projects offering better financial returns. The USCIS administration remains a concern, but the post-RIA era provides opportunities for enhanced credibility and reputation.

Conclusion

There is strong optimism for the EB-5 industry in 2024. Positives like record visa availability, exciting projects, improved processing times, technological adoption, and better returns on investment fuel hopes for a good year. It remains to be seen whether these changes will lead to strategic and fundamental improvements, placing the industry on stable footing for the future.

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- > **Early Decision II:** January 5
- > **Regular Decision:** January 5
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7 REASONS TO APPLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Explore the Unique Aspects that Set UChicago Apart from Other Top-tier Universities

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The University of Chicago is often praised for its academic rigor and intellectual culture, but in many respects UofC is very different from other elite universities in the United States. Here are seven unique reasons why you should apply to the University of Chicago.

1. The University's Commitment to Free Expression

In an era where free speech on college campuses is a topic of debate, UChicago has made a firm commitment to protecting free expression. The university's *Chicago Principles*, adopted in 2015, emphasize that free inquiry and the open exchange of ideas are critical to the university's mission. UChicago does not shy away from controversial topics or uncomfortable debates; instead, it actively encourages students to engage with opposing viewpoints in a respectful and thoughtful manner. All ideas are welcome in Hyde Park.

2. The Life of the Mind: Intellectual Curiosity Encouraged

UChicago is known for its motto, "*Let knowledge grow from more to more; and so be human life enriched.*" The university's dedication to intellectual curiosity is evident in its *Life of the Mind* culture, where ideas are explored deeply, debated passionately, and respected. Unlike some elite institutions that emphasize professional outcomes, UChicago is committed to fostering an environment where students and faculty alike are constantly engaging in deep, intellectual conversations, both in and out of the classroom. UChicago is a hard school, no doubt: but her graduates are smarter for it.

3. Uncommon Application Essay Prompts

The UChicago *uncommon essay prompts* are famous for their creativity and quirkiness. These prompts allow applicants to showcase their individuality and intellectual curiosity in ways that traditional college essays might not. Questions like "What's so odd about odd numbers?" or "Find X" encourage students to think outside the box and present themselves in a way that goes beyond their academic achievements and extracurricular activities. UChicago students do not just think **harder**; they think **differently**.

4. Research Opportunities: Access to World-Class Resources

UChicago is home to some of the most prestigious research institutions in the world, including the *Institute for Molecular Engineering*, the *Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics*, and the *Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory*. Undergraduates at UChicago have unparalleled access to cutting-edge research opportunities, working closely with professors and graduate students on groundbreaking projects. The university's culture of inquiry ensures that even undergraduates can make meaningful contributions to the research landscape, something that's not as easily accessible at many other elite universities.

5. The Chicago Approach to Economics

While many schools boast strong economics departments, UChicago's *Chicago School of Economics* stands out for its profound influence on global economic thought. This unique approach, associated with Nobel laureates like Milton Friedman and Gary Becker, emphasizes free-market principles and the rigorous application of quantitative analysis. For students interested in economics, business, or public policy, UChicago offers an unparalleled opportunity to learn from faculty who are at the forefront of the field. The university's *Booth School of Business* also offers access to one of the top business programs in the world, and undergrads can (and should) cross-register for classes.

6. Scav: The World's Largest Collegiate Scavenger Hunt

One of the most unique aspects of UChicago's student life is *Scav*, short for the *University of Chicago Scavenger Hunt*, which has been a beloved tradition since 1987. Scav is a four-day event that takes place every May, and it's considered the largest and most bizarre collegiate scavenger hunt in the world. Teams of students compete in outrageous and imaginative challenges, ranging from engineering feats to absurd, creative tasks. The event exemplifies UChicago's quirky, intellectual spirit and fosters a sense of camaraderie and community. It's a reflection of how UChicago students embrace fun, creativity, and collaboration in their pursuit of academic and personal fulfillment.

7. The Uncommon Fund: Supporting Bold, Creative Ideas

UChicago's *Uncommon Fund* is a unique student-run grant program that finances out-of-the-box projects, encouraging students to think creatively and make a lasting impact on the campus and beyond. Students submit proposals for funding on everything from quirky events to social justice initiatives, and winning ideas receive grants to bring their visions to life. Past projects have included everything from building a campus apiary to creating pop-up art galleries. Students interested in entrepreneurship or community service should look into the fund.

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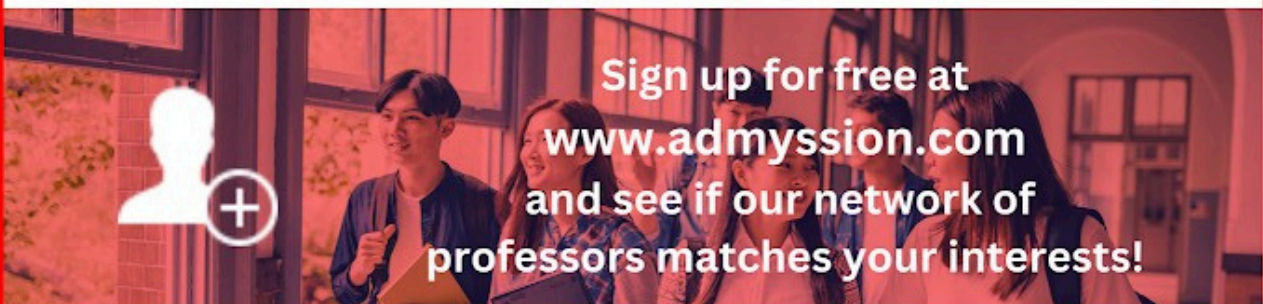


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MAXIMIZING SUPERSCORING OPPORTUNITIES

Make the Most of Superscoring in College Admissions

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In college admissions, every point on standardized tests can make a difference. For students aiming for top universities, it's not just about taking the SAT or ACT once and hoping for the best. One strategy that's becoming increasingly popular is superscoring. It is a practice that allows students to showcase their highest section scores across multiple test dates. But how can students truly make the most of this opportunity?

What is Superscoring? And How Does It Matter?

Superscoring offers a unique advantage to students. They can combine their highest section scores from different sittings instead of submitting a single composite score from one test date. For instance, if a student scores higher in Math on one attempt and performs better in Reading on another, superscoring allows them to combine these top scores, giving a higher overall result.

This method can notably improve applications. Research from the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) indicates superscoring can increase SAT scores by 40-60 points and ACT scores by 1-2 points. These are small yet significant boosts that can enhance chances in competitive admissions.

Official Superscoring Policies at Major U.S. Universities (2024)

1. Harvard University

Harvard superscores the SAT, they combine the highest scores from each section (Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing) across multiple test dates. However, for the ACT, Harvard only considers the highest composite score, without combining section scores.

2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

MIT superscores the SAT and considers the best section scores from multiple test dates. For the ACT, MIT does not technically superscore, but they do consider the highest composite score. This allows applicants flexibility in submitting their best test scores, even if they've taken the test multiple times.

3. University of Pennsylvania (UPenn)

UPenn uses superscoring for both the SAT and ACT. For the SAT, they will combine the highest section scores from different test dates to form the highest possible score. Similarly, for the ACT, UPenn combines the best individual section scores (English, Math, Reading, and Science) across multiple tests to form a new composite score.

4. Stanford University

Stanford superscores the SAT by taking the best scores from different sections over multiple test dates. For the ACT, Stanford doesn't officially superscore, but they do consider the highest composite score achieved. Stanford requires students to submit all test scores.

5. Boston College

Boston College offers superscoring for both the SAT and ACT. For the SAT, they will take the highest section scores from multiple test attempts, and similarly, for the ACT, they combine the highest scores from individual sections.

6. Georgetown University

Georgetown superscores both the SAT and ACT, meaning they take the highest individual section scores from multiple test attempts and recombine them to create a new, improved composite score.

Sources for the above information are their official websites.

Maximizing Superscoring Potential

For students and parents wondering how to take full advantage of superscoring, here are some practical tips:

- 1. Retake the test:** The College Board states that 66% of students see an improvement in their SAT score on the second attempt. For the ACT, the average score increase on a retake is around 1.3 points. However, taking the test too many times can act as a counterpositive.
- 2. Focus on individual sections:** Instead of improving all sections at once, focus on one section per test. Superscoring will combine the best results, but avoid large score disparities between sections, as that may not reflect well.
- 3. Take practice tests:** Regular practice is crucial. Students taking at least five SAT practice tests see an average score increase of 150 points.
- 4. Know college policies:** Not all colleges have the same superscoring policy. While many universities superscore the SAT, fewer do so for the ACT. It is important to research individual college policies on superscoring through resources like [FairTest.org](https://www.fairtest.org) or university admissions official websites.

Superscoring and Scholarships: An Added Advantage

- **Boosts Scholarship Opportunities:** Superscoring can positively impact eligibility for merit-based scholarships tied to standardized test scores.
- **Automatic Scholarships:** The University of Alabama offers automatic scholarships based on superscored SAT or ACT results.
- **Competitive Scholarships:** Programs like the Gates Millennium Scholars Program consider competitive test scores, and superscoring can help improve eligibility.

Conclusion: Make Superscoring Work for You

While superscoring offers clear advantages in college admissions, its true value lies in how strategically it can be leveraged. Students can maximize their test scores and improve their overall chances by focusing on individual sections, retaking exams with a plan, and consistently practicing. However, the importance of knowing individual college policies and understanding how superscoring applies not just to admissions but also to scholarship opportunities must be considered. It's not about endless retakes but about smart test planning and efficient preparation. As students prepare for the college admissions process, superscoring becomes a tool for precision, helping them put forward their best academic self, both in scores and in the opportunities it opens up.





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How Ladder Internships Add Value to the College Application

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The traditional model of internships is broken. In conversations with high school students and counselors, I repeatedly hear that it has become harder than ever to land an internship. Even undergrads at top colleges find that “fewer students are getting internships than want them.” If high school students do manage to find an internship through cold outreach or personal relationships, they often discover that their managers do not pay attention to them or they are given tasks that do not help them grow.

But internships can be a whole lot more. For high schoolers, internships can help them discover what working in an industry is like, and whether that is something they want to pursue or not. Working in a real-life setting can help develop technical and soft skills, such as communication, critical thinking, professionalism and teamwork. Internships provide experience that students can point to as evidence of their interests and expertise when applying to university or other programs in the future.

We’ve seen this firsthand. In the last two years, we’ve placed over five hundred amazing high school students at startups for hands-on internships as part of the Ladder Internships program. Some internships were technical: like a high school junior from Dubai, who interned with Billion Dollar Startup Ideas and built a subscription-based AI start-up idea. Others were more business-oriented, like a senior who interned with Divercity.io and created a Go-To-Market strategy for a personal finance app.

What we’ve discovered is that the formula for a successful internship is project + person + preparedness. *Project*: a company needs to think about what sorts of tasks are appropriate and useful for a high schooler to work on, and structure it out in the form of a project. Dropping a student into the middle of a highly complicated, context-heavy workday will not help the student or the employer. *Person*: the intern needs to have a specific manager, who is invested in the growth and success of the student. *Preparedness*: the high schooler needs to know what they are getting themselves into. Internships are work, and that means setting aside time and energy to show up effectively.

If through this formula the student does meaningful work in an internship, it can play an important role in the college application process. Students can mention it on their activities list or resume as evidence of their effort and investment in high school. During an internship, students might encounter challenges or obstacles; these are stories that they can describe in their CommonApp or supplemental essays to demonstrate their qualities and values. If the student has developed a good relationship with their internship manager, they can ask their supervisor for an additional recommendation letter that they can send to universities.

And once they get to university, their high school internship experience can continue to open doors. Knowing how to manage their time and work with others makes them more prepared for college-level courses and clubs. Having work experience on their CV makes it easier for them to find on-campus jobs and summer internships, which can help offset the rising cost of college. The best part of running Ladder Internships is hearing back from alumni - not just about their amazing college admission results, but from during their time at university reflecting on how a meaningful, challenging high school internship experience can shape them for years to come.



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