

L14: unconditional offers

Lancaster University's perspective on unconditional offers:

The Lancaster University unconditional offer scheme has been in place for 5 years, and full details are published on our website (www.lancaster.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/lancaster-university-unconditional-offer-scheme). An offer for a place on the scheme is made to applicants who have the strongest academic profiles.

As the strength of our applicant group has grown, the number of applicants eligible for the scheme has risen. Our unconditional offers are linked to an excellence scholarship to encourage applicants to continue to strive for the best possible grades in their exams. Under the scheme, applicants who achieve the published entry grades (typically AAB) or above are awarded a financial scholarship to support their studies.

Since the scheme began, applicants have consistently performed well both at entry-level and during their academic studies. In 2018, applicants with an unconditional offer achieved an additional 12 UCAS Tariff points, compared with applicants who were not part of the scheme.

Definitions of offer types:

Unconditional offer

This is an offer made by a provider where they are satisfied that an individual has demonstrated sufficient attainment and potential to succeed on their chosen programme. Based on the offer status at the 30 June application deadline.

Conditional unconditional offer

An offer made by a provider which was originally conditional, but becomes unconditional if the applicant selects that offer as their firm (first) choice. By definition, conditional unconditional offers that are selected as a firm choice by the applicant become unconditional and are also included in the unconditional offers group (see above).

Offer with an unconditional component

All offers showing as having an element of unconditional offer-making, that is, unconditional offers plus conditional unconditional offers that have not been selected as firm (and hence remain conditional unconditional).

All offers

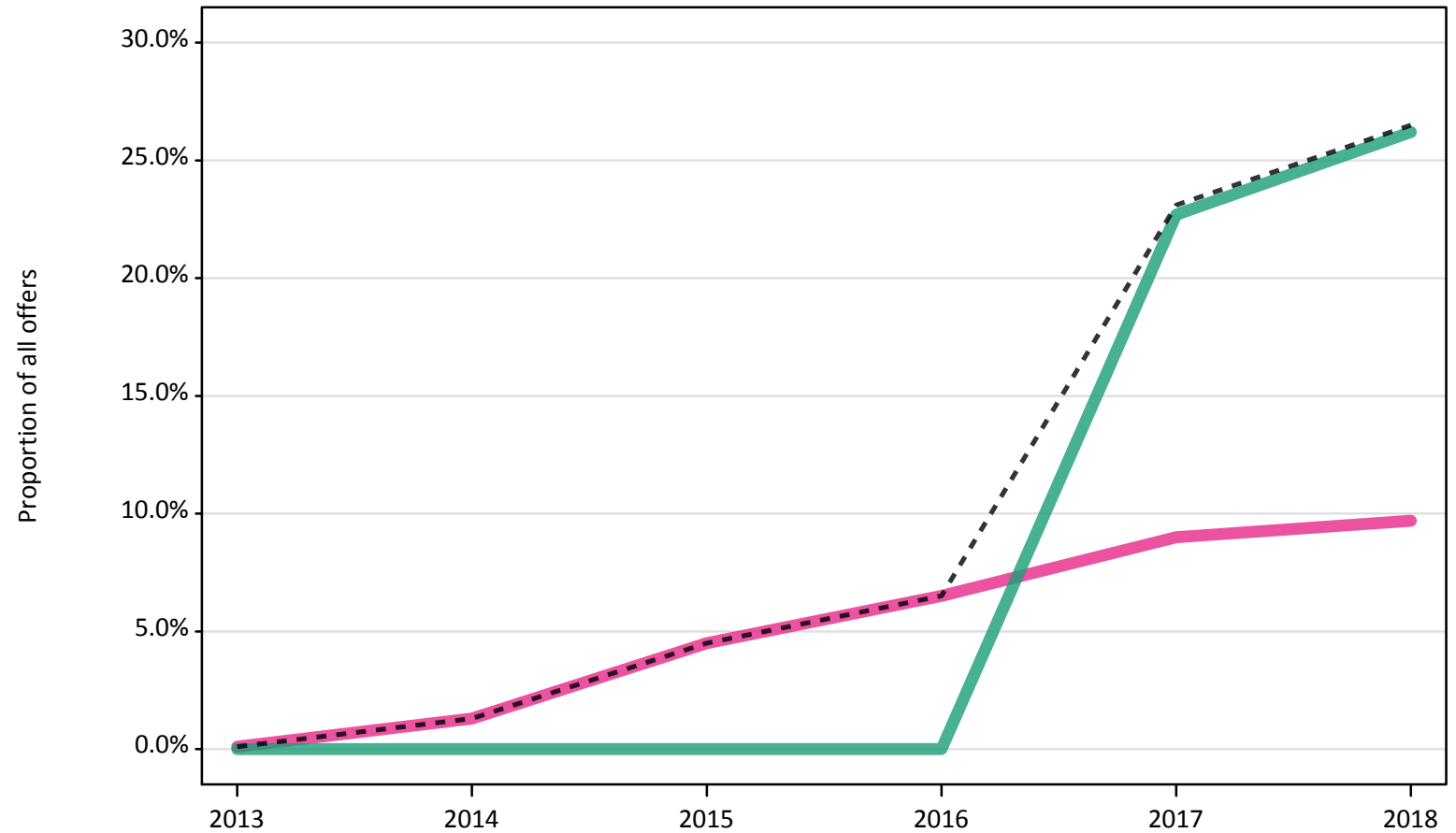
All offers made by the provider, subject to the coverage of this report. This includes conditional as well as unconditional offers to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

Technical note:

The coverage of this report is limited to offers made by 30 June, to 18-year-old main scheme applicants domiciled in England, Northern Ireland, and Wales. This is because these applicants are least likely to apply already having achieved a full set of qualifications typically required for undergraduate higher education.

A.1 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

- Unconditional offers
- Conditional unconditional offers
- Offers with unconditional component



A.2 Unconditional offers by cycle year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	5	95	370	545	820	870
Conditional unconditional offers	0	0	0	0	2,055	2,355
Offers with unconditional component	5	95	370	545	2,095	2,380
All offers (conditional and unconditional)	7,945	7,170	8,315	8,455	9,055	8,980

A.3 Proportion of all offers that are unconditional, by cycle year

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unconditional offers	0.1%	1.3%	4.5%	6.5%	9.0%	9.7%
Conditional unconditional offers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.7%	26.2%
Offers with unconditional component	0.1%	1.3%	4.5%	6.5%	23.1%	26.5%

Note: Percentage values are not printed in the above table if the total rounded number of offers for that year is below 100.