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COMPACT SCHEME INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

If you are interested in a University of Sheffield course we may be able to give your application special consideration if any two of the following apply:

- You are from the first generation in your family to go to university.
- You are in receipt of the full amount of EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance).
- You attended a school that achieved less than 45% 5 A* – C grades at GCSE level in 2008.
- You need to study at the University of Sheffield for cultural, personal, family or financial reasons.
- Your personal or domestic circumstances have affected your studies. For example: illness, disrupted education, family/personal trauma or you have had to take on additional family responsibilities.
- There are other extenuating circumstances that we should take into consideration when looking at your application.

The scheme aims to encourage all students of academic ability, including those who might not ordinarily do so, to consider Higher Education as an option.

Any application to the Compact Scheme will need to be supported by your school or college. You should approach a tutor, your head of sixth form or student services for further information and advice. If they support your application they will contact the university on your behalf.

There are a number of benefits if you are eligible to apply through the Compact Scheme:

- We will be able to provide you with guidance during the application process
- You could be invited to attend an interview or submit some examples of your work, giving you the extra opportunity to show the admissions tutor that you are a suitable student.
- We also aim to be flexible around results time – if you narrowly miss the grades you need we will review your application depending on your circumstances and the number of places available.

It should be noted that the aim of the Compact Scheme is not to admit lower quality students to the University, and that Compact students are not guaranteed the offer of a place or a reduced offer. What you are guaranteed is that Admissions Tutors will give special consideration to your applications and that your individual circumstances will be taken into account.

The form itself is easy to fill out – you fill in the front of the form and then pass it to your school/college to complete the rear. Please note that if you do need to use an additional sheet for your supporting statement then please ensure that you write your full name, UCAS number and date of birth at the top.

You must ensure that you get your form to us by the official UCAS deadline relevant to your course.

If you require any further details then please contact Colin Wylie, Schools Liaison Officer on 0114 222 1026 or compact@sheffield.ac.uk