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# APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

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About Higher Education

Choosing what and where to study

Applying to University

Next steps



# WHY DO PEOPLE GO TO UNIVERSITY?



Pursuing a  
specific  
career

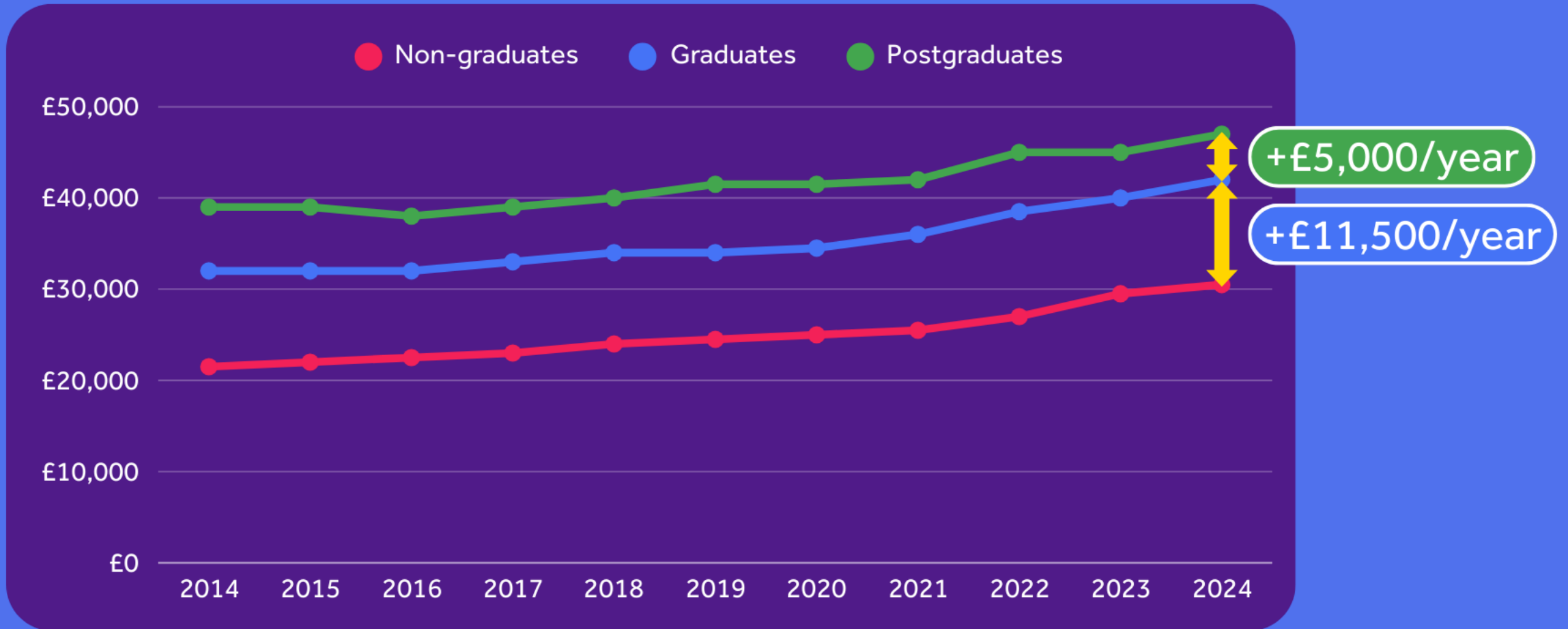


Exploring a  
passion for a  
subject



Experiencing  
student life

# AVERAGE SALARY, AGES 16-64



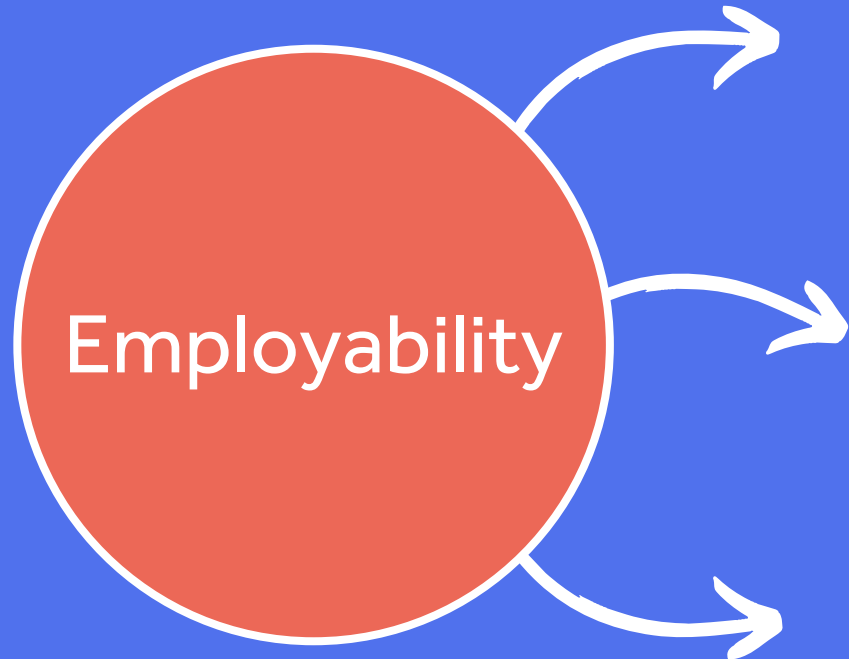
Data from the Office for National Statistics' Labour Force Survey 2025

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF UNI?



Employability

Experience



University graduates are earning 25-50% more by the age of 29, compared to non-graduates

Having a degree can give you access to higher paying jobs

This will vary from career to career – look into how a degree impacts the kind of careers you're interested in!

Get involved in clubs and societies and meet new people from all over the country (and the world!)

Experience independent living and make lifelong friends

Develop life skills like budgeting and cooking, and become more adaptable and resilient as you take on new experiences

Experience



# TYPES OF DEGREE

Single honours, joint honours or flexible

Studying abroad

Placements/year in industry

Degree Apprenticeships

Integrated Masters

Foundation year

Are any of these options important to you?

# FACTORS TO CONSIDER: ACADEMIC STUDY

Entry requirements

Application process

Course structure

Modules on offer

University websites, the UCAS Hub, and other resources will offer this information

# FACTORS TO CONSIDER: OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities to  
study a language

Employability

Work experience/  
placements

Accreditation

Reputation

Study abroad  
options

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# ACADEMIC LIFE

Getting used to new styles of teaching and meeting your academics

Learning how to get around campus - most students have classes across several buildings!

Your timetable – the amount of module choice and independent study time varies by course

# Student Experience

'Feel' of the university, city/town, and campus

Local cost of living

Clubs, societies, and volunteering opportunities

Sports facilities and team rankings



**FUTURE  
WOMEN  
LAWYERS**



# Support Services

Financial support

Disability advice and support

Pastoral care

Academic support

Often it feels like support services don't matter... until they do. Knowing what's available is important, even if you don't need it right now

Careers support

Counselling

# CHOOSING A UNIVERSITY

Campus-  
based?

Big city?

Support  
services

Student  
life

Cost of  
living

Far from  
home?

Country-  
side?

## Campus Universities

- Might be further from a city
- More of a community feel
- Everything on your door step - more self-contained
- E.g., University of Warwick, Edge Hill University

## City Universities

- Part of the city
- Might have smaller campuses and buildings across the city
- Tends to be livelier, with more things to do
- E.g., King's College London, Leeds Beckett University



Or both!

The University of Manchester is an example of a campus university... in a city! The buildings are on a single site right next to the heart of the city.

# RUSSELL GROUP

Group of 24 world-class, research-intensive Universities including The University of Manchester.

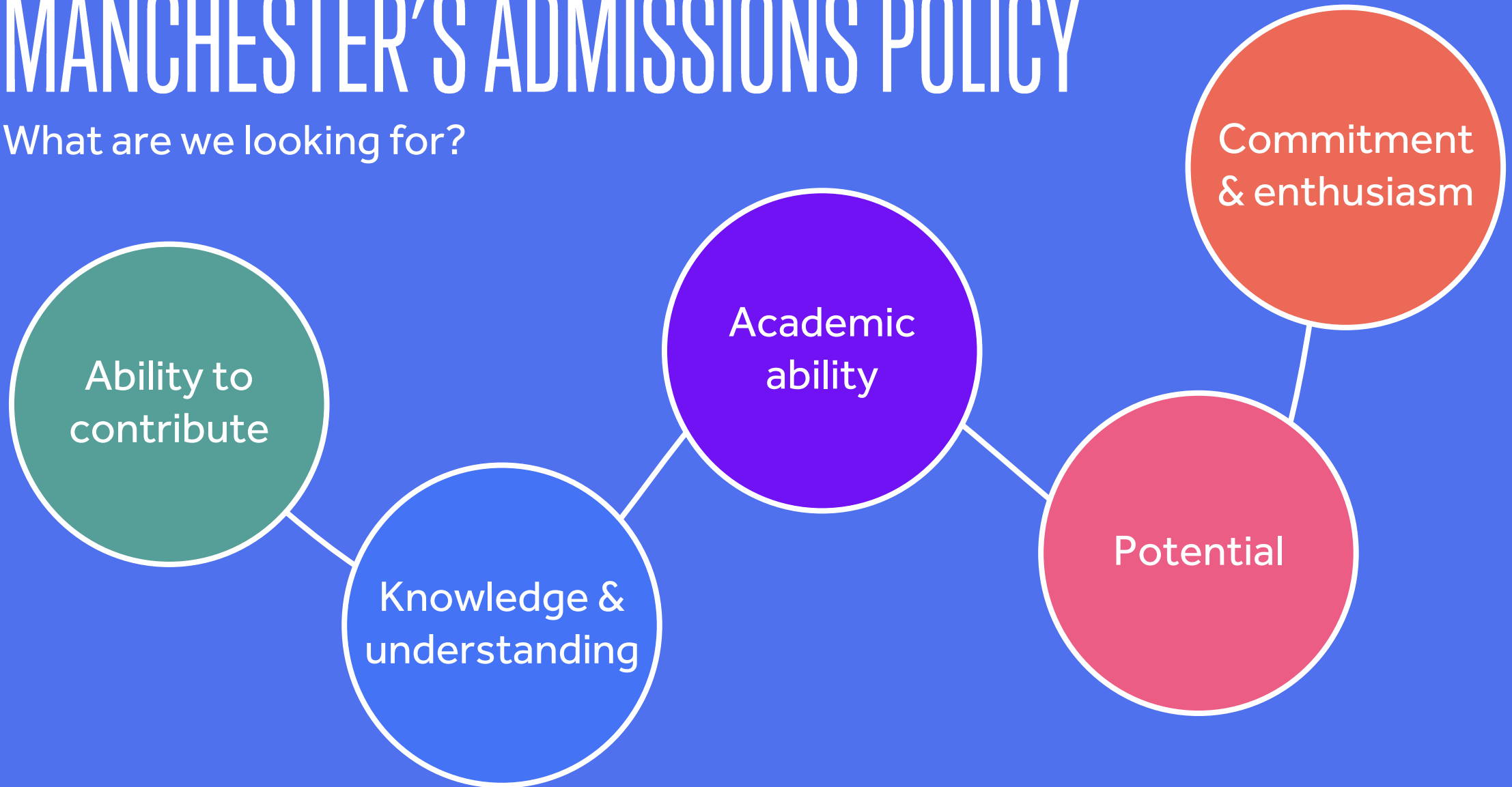
Includes many of the most prestigious and competitive universities in the UK but not all so make sure you also consider beyond it.



# THE APPLICATION

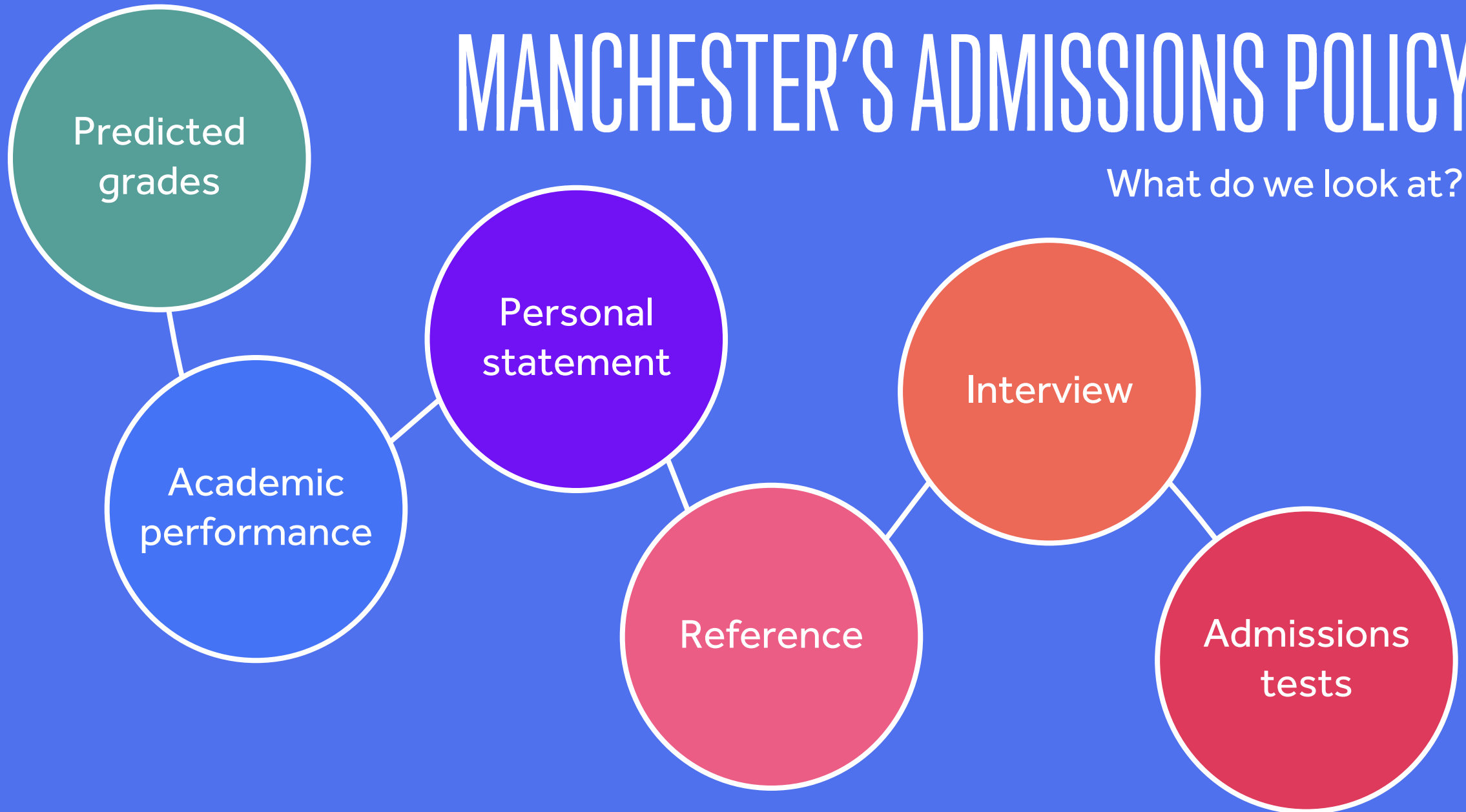
# MANCHESTER'S ADMISSIONS POLICY

What are we looking for?



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What do we look at?



# MAKING YOUR DECISIONS

## Before application

- ✦ Would I be happy with the universities and courses I've chosen?
- ✦ What are the requirements of the course, and can I meet them?
- ✦ Email Admissions teams if anything is unclear – don't risk it!

## After offer

- ✦ Believe in yourself, but also be realistic!
- ✦ Your insurance choice should be a back-up - make sure the offer is lower than your firm choice.

# CONTEXTUAL ADMISSIONS - WHAT IS IT?

All students should have a fair chance to succeed at university, so we review UCAS applications in the context of your personal circumstances

We take into account:

- ☀ Your home postcode
- ☀ The performance of the schools where you did your GCSEs and A Levels (or equivalent)
- ☀ If you've been in care for more than 3 months
- ☀ If you have refugee status

1-2 grade reduced offer\*

Access schemes

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ANY QUESTIONS?

