







## **9. SELECTION**

9.1 Durham University is interested in recruiting students able to develop both academically and personally within an environment that is attractive to and supportive of an increasingly diverse and international student population. We therefore also value the non-academic attributes of applicants, recognising the importance of merit and potential in these areas as important contributors to University and College life.

9.2 All applicants are judged on the basis of merit and potential, including their motivation to benefit from the range of academic opportunities available within the University and the contribution that a student can make to and benefit from University life including the College community and wider student experience. Course-specific interpretations of merit and potential are published in the University undergraduate prospectus, on the University website and at UCAS or can be discussed with Recruitment & Admissions, Durham University.

Durham, which is based on the evidence of prior achievement. Taking account of the context of prior achievement from what Durham has to offer, and the promise for future achievement and contribution to the University.

9.3 For the majority of applicants the primary means of assessment is the information provided in the application. This information is collected and provided in a standard format and enables students to be assessed in a fair and transparent manner.

9.4 Admissions staff will look carefully for evidence of merit and potential in the application, including:

- a) prior and (where known) predicted exam performance;
- b) the personal statement;
- c) the reference;
- d) development of study skills;
- e) motivation for the degree programme applied for;
- f) independence of thought and working;
- g) skills derived from non-academic extra





