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PAULA'S STORY

Applied for PPE (LOVO)

Offers from Oxford, UCL and Warwick.

Paula had wanted to go to Oxford since she was very young. Her older brother graduated a few years ago and this had spurred her to ensure her application was accepted and offer given. She turned to UniAdmissions to help ensure that she achieved her goal of studying PPE, it seemed to be the perfect subject for Paula.

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Paula's tuition began with tweaking her personal statement. Heather, her tutor for this section, found that Paula's statement was quite strong even before tuition but there were aspects of it that could be improved. They worked on her work experience and desire to go to Oxford. With usage of the unlimited redrafts, Heather was confident with Paula's statement.

A big part of the application to a PPE course is having a strong TSA score; this was the area Paula was worried about the most. Isaac, our highly experienced TSA tutor who teaches one of our intensive courses, went through a practice paper with her to identify where her weak areas are. He found that problem solving questions were the most difficult for her, so he focused on improving her answers here. He provided bespoke questions which helped Paula increase her score to the mid 65s - a very strong TSA score! Paula made good usage of the online lectures available to her after booking tuition, allowing her to continue revision once her sessions were over.

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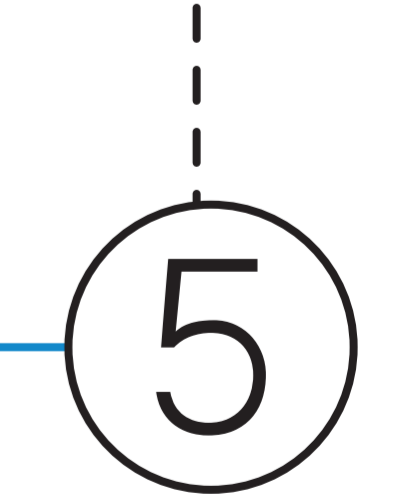
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Isaac was Paula's tutor for Section 2 of the TSA. He is currently a master student having graduated from Oxford. Isaac worked through how to pick the right question with Paula - an important part of the test which often gets overlooked. Once Paula was comfortable with the question styles and choosing, Isaac got Paula to write some essays. Together they marked these essays and ensured to work on the weaker points. This resulted in a very strong TSA performance for Paula.



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Jared was Paula's final tutor. Jared is an Oxford graduate who studied PPE and ended up with a 1st. Jared is an extremely experienced PPE tutor so he knew the best way to improve at the interview stage is with mock interviews. He arranged 4 mock interviews, each based on a different topic; Politics, Philosophy, Economics and the Personal Statement. Each interview tutor focused on Paula's performance in each specific section and gave written feedback. Together, Paula and Jared worked through this feedback to identify where Paula should improve. Through this targeted approach, Paula was able to pass her Oxford interview with flying colours and end up with her dream offer!



"The confidence boost from being taught by people who have gone through the exact same process really helped me feel like I could do it - and I did!"

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