

UNIVERSITY ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING SOUTH BANK

Admissions Policy

1. Admissions procedure for 2014

The University Academy of Engineering will manage admissions for 2014. Application forms can be obtained by:

- downloading from the Academy website www.uaesouthbank.org.uk or
- calling 020 7277 3000

From 2015, the Academy will follow the procedures used by the LA for its co-ordinated scheme.

Students who apply to the University Academy of Engineering South Bank will be invited for a test as part of the National process of 'fair banding'. This is not a pass or fail test, it just ensures that children across the full attainment range are admitted.

The order in which places are given at The Academy are listed below and are also clearly detailed in the 'Starting Secondary school in Southwark 2014/15' booklet.

2. Admission arrangements for entry at Year 7 to The University Academy of Engineering South Bank from September 2015

The University Academy of Engineering South Bank has an agreed admissions number of 150 students in Year 7 open equally to girls and boys.

- When applying parents and carers should understand that the intake is required to reflect the full range of attainment and as far as possible the social, economic and cultural character of the catchment area.
- Each applicant is given equal consideration in line with the Academy Equal Opportunities Policy.

3. Procedures where the University Academy of Engineering South Bank is oversubscribed

Where the number of applications for admission is greater than the Published Admissions Number, applications will be considered for Year 7 against the criteria set out below.

After the admission of Students with Statements of Special Educational Needs where The Academy is named on the Statement, the criteria will be applied in the order in which they are set out below:

The applicants will be split into 5 equally sized bands based on their non-verbal reasoning test results. Within each band places will be offered in the following proportions:

Band 1.1	20%
Band 1.2	20%
Band 2.1	20%
Band 2.2	20%
Band 3	20%

- a) Looked after children¹ and children who were looked after but ceased to be so because they were adopted (or became subject to a residence/special guardianship order)
- b) children who are eligible for the Pupil premium
- c) children for whom it is essential that they be admitted to the Academy because of a significant medical or social need²
- d) siblings of Students who will be registered Students at the school on the first day of the term when the applicant Student would be joining the school³
- e) children who live nearest to the school⁴
- f) children of staff employed for at least two years at the school or recruited to meet a skills shortage

Where fewer than 150 applications are received, the Academy will offer places to all those who have applied.

3. Waiting list

Where in any year the Academy receives more applications for places than there are places available, a waiting list will operate. This will be maintained by the Academy and will be open to any parent and carer to ask for their child's name to be placed on the waiting list, following an unsuccessful application.

¹ A 'looked after child' is a child who is (a) in the care of a local authority, or (b) being provided with accommodation by a local authority in the exercise of their social services functions (see the definition in Section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989) at the time of making an application to a school (c) those who were looked after, but ceased to be so, because they were adopted or became subject to a residence order or special guardianship order.

² All applications under this criterion must be supported with relevant written evidence from a qualified professional source, declared in writing at the time of the application and where such submissions offer specific evidence that necessitates attendance at this particular Academy. Any evidence of a more general medical condition offered without such focus is deemed inadmissible, although the application will then be considered under other criteria. Applicants should also state clearly why the Academy is more suitable than any other school and what the difficulties would be if their child was not offered a place)

³ Siblings are children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including biological brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters. The Academy reserves the right to ask for proof of relationship.

⁴ The determination of distance. Measurement from the main entrance of the Academy to the main entrance of the child's main place of residence. A child's home is considered to be the child's permanent residence. If custody of a child is shared, the address given should be that of the parent or carer with whom the child spends most of the school week.

Children on the waiting list will be ranked in the same order as the published oversubscription criteria.

4. Admissions outside the normal age range

The Academy will consider each application on its own merits.

5. Late applications

Late applications will be considered using the above criteria (as shown in section 3), but, with the exception of Children in Local Authority Care or Previously Looked After Children, only after all applications received by the closing date have first been considered.

An application may be regarded as late if it confirms:

- a family returning from abroad
- a lone parent who has been ill for some time
- a family moving to the area and;
- other exceptional circumstances

6. Independent appeals

Parents and carers will have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel if they are dissatisfied with an admission decision of the Academy. The Appeal Panel will be independent of the Academy. The arrangements for Appeals will be in line with the Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals published by the Department for Education as it applies to Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools. The determination of the appeal panel will be made in accordance with the Code of Practice on School Admission Appeals and is binding on all parties. The Academy will prepare guidance for parents and carers about how the appeals process will work and provide parents and carers with a named contact who can answer any enquiries parents and carers may have about the process.

7. Children hard to place

The Academy will co-operate with the LA's Admission Forum's protocol for admitting children hard to place.

Year 12

The Academy Post 16 provision for a total of 150 students will open in 2016.

The admissions number for Year 12 will be 85. To determine eligibility criteria for admissions, the Academy will publish specific criteria in relation to minimum entrance requirements for Year 12 based on GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. The Academy will also publish academic entry requirements for each course available based upon GCSE grades or other measures of prior attainment. These criteria will be the same for internal and external transfers and will be published in its prospectus and on its web-site no later than 2016.

There will be right of appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel for internal Students refused transfer and external applicants refused admission.

8. Review

In accordance with the 2012 regulations the Academy will consult on its admission arrangements every seven years, if no changes are proposed.