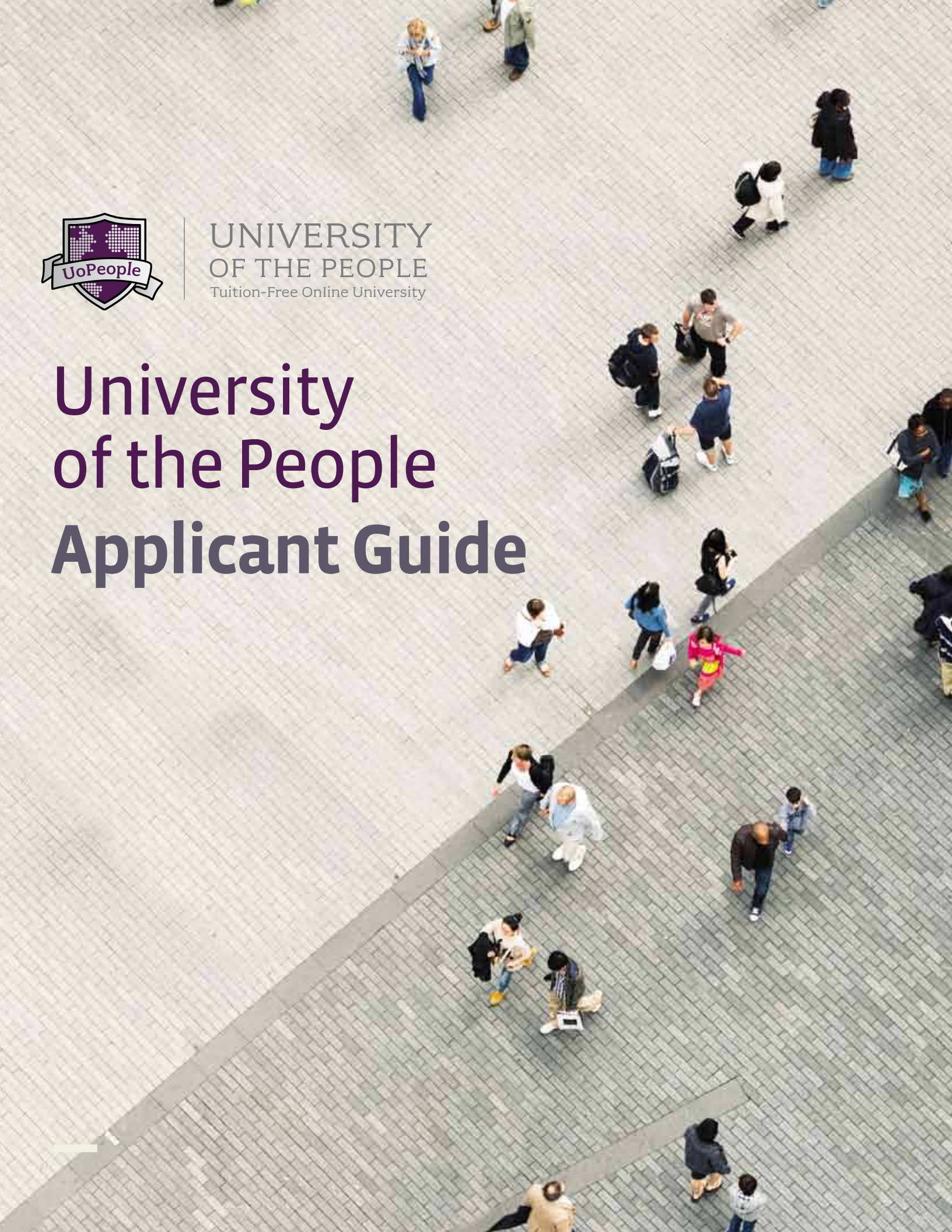# University of the People

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University of the People Applicant Guide

Dear Applicant,

University of the People was created to open higher education for talented and motivated individuals -- like you.

Higher education is about fulfilling your personal and professional potential. Earning a fully accredited degree from University of the People will help you build new skills, improve your career prospects, and create a better future for you, your family, your community, your country, and even the world.

You're almost there. At this point, all you need to do is complete your application in order to be considered to become part of our amazing community of students and academics coming from every corner of the world. I encourage you to do so, and as soon as possible.

In this guide, a world of exciting information about UoPeople awaits, including an outline of the application process, agreements you will need to sign, an overview of what we offer our students, and more!

If you're having any challenges in completing the process, please contact our team. We are here for you.

Thank you. I hope to see you in one of our classes soon.

Sincerely,

Shai Reshef
President
University of the People

Why Study
at UoPeople

01

Quality
UoPeople's academic leadership is highly renowned, and students are taught by professors from some of the top universities worldwide. UoPeople gained accreditation in 2014 by the DEAC which attests to our academic excellence and rigorous standards. University leadership includes esteemed academics from Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, Yale and more. UoPeople has academic partnerships with UC Berkeley, NYU and Yale.

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Tuition-Free
UoPeople does not charge students to take classes, does not charge for any reading and other study materials, and does not charge for annual enrollment.

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Personal Attention
Students learn with the support of instructors and their fellow peers from around the world. Students benefit from small online classrooms, allowing for a community of supportive peer thinkers and teachers. Professors focus on each student's needs and provide full support. Each UoPeople student is allocated with a personal Program Advisor from the moment they begin their studies, who will take them hand-in-hand until graduation.

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Degree Programs
A unique learning experience that combines academic leadership from world-class educators, collaborative learning methods, and information technologies for accredited two-year Associate's and four-year Bachelor degree programs in Business Administration, Computer Science, and Health Science as well as an MBA program.

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Employability
UoPeople degrees prepare students for the job market by offering opportunities for internships, mentorships with cooperation's such as Microsoft, HP and others, and a full career center providing relevant workshops and career support.

Our Mission

The mission of University of the People is to offer affordable, quality, online, degree-granting educational programs to any qualified student.

Our Values

Opportunity

UoPeople is based on the belief that education at a minimal cost is a basic right for all qualified applicants, not just for a privileged few. The University works to open the gates of higher education to qualified students anywhere in the world by offering its programs through distance learning and by making this opportunity affordable.

Community

UoPeople creates a global community by making its academic programs, educational services, and employment opportunities available to qualified individuals from all over the world, and by providing learning opportunities that engage students and faculty from diverse backgrounds.

Integrity

UoPeople grounds its institutional culture in candor, transparency and best professional practices, and expects all students, faculty, staff, and administrators to uphold the highest standards of personal integrity, honesty and responsibility. Additionally, the University expects its students to take responsibility for their education, and to pursue their studies diligently and with seriousness of purpose.

Quality

UoPeople provides a high-quality, online liberal arts education suitable in scope and depth to the challenges of the 21st century. The University assesses and evaluates all aspects of its academic model on an ongoing basis.

UoPeople Application Process

as simple as 1-2-3

Scholarship opportunities are available once you have completed your application and have been offically admitted to the University

Applicants Should:

18+
Be 18 years or older

Show proof of high school completion

Abc
Be English proficient

START HERE

STEP 01

Online Application

Complete the following:

- Personal information
- Contact information
- Education history

STEP 02

Application Processing Fee

Pay Online

Pay the non-refundable Application Processing Fee of $60

STEP 03

Begin Studying

Start Foundations: Begin studying in UoPeople

- Successfully pass the UoPeople Foundations Courses
- Submit proof of high school completion
- Take the credits earned in the Foundations Courses and continue on to your desired degree program

Accreditation

University of the People achieved the granting of accreditation by The Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC). The DEAC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The award of accreditation is an indication of high academic quality, sound financial planning, and fair admissions guidance. Accredited universities are committed to constant improvement, something UoPeople achieves through regular self-evaluation and ongoing work with the DEAC to assure quality.

Graduates benefit from accreditation by being able to demonstratethe quality of their education to potential employers and to institutions where they hope to undertake further study.

Business AdministrationProgram

The Business Administration program offers broad exposure to business administration and economics. Behavioral and quantitative sciences are studied in both theoretical and applied contexts. Mathematics is used as a key tool in the analysis of complex problems and in the interpretation of data. Emphasis is placed on effective written communication. Students are made aware of the need for innovative solutions to business problems that encompass human needs and ethical objectives.

The Associate of Science in Business Administration (AS-BA) program is built on a strong liberal arts foundation and provides a broad understanding of business and business fundamentals. Students learn how to apply appropriate business models in decision-making situations, perform effectively within a team environment, and apply ethical reasoning to business situations. The associate program introduces students to the basic tenets of the field, a foundation for continued study towards a Bachelor of Science Degree.

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BS-BA) program provides students with comprehensive knowledge of business theories and models their application to real-world problems. There is an emphasis on leadership, entrepreneurship, and analysis of business problems and opportunities. The BS-BA program connects business to the role of work in a global society, offering broad preparation for whichever career path a student might elect, as well as providing preparation for graduate study in this and related fields.

MBA

Master of Business Administration offers a hands-on approach to both business and community leadership, as part of a cutting-edge and stimulating educational experience. The UoPeople MBA instills the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to pursue personal and professional goals, as well as excel in today's diverse organizations. Its graduates are positioned to thrive in business, industry, government and non-profit management.

Computer Science Program

The Computer Science program will enable students to become knowledgeable in the design of software, acquiring foundational knowledge of the mathematics that can be applied to all aspects of software design, development and verification. At the end of the program students will have gained an appreciation of the foundations of computation, an understanding of the structure of programming languages, the skills to put these concepts and technologies into practice, and the know-how to utilize hardware to its fullest potential.

The Associate of Science in Computer Science (AS-CS) program is built on a strong liberal arts base, and enables students to explore the field from a range of perspectives, including gaining a fundamental understanding of the mathematical and scientific principles underlying computing and information technology and their application in the field. Students learn how to apply strategies for the effective design of computing systems; analyze problems using multiple perspectives, methods, and tools; and develop their critical thinking in respect to computer ethics. The Associate's program introduces students to the field, grounds them in the techniques of computing, and also equips them for continued study towards a Bachelor of Science Degree.

The Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BS-CS) program provides students with in-depth knowledge and analytical skills associated with the design, development, testing and documentation of a wide range of operating systems; database management; and programming languages. With computers found in every aspect of today's society, students completing the Bachelor of Science Degree are prepared for a range of options, including continued study in the field at the graduate level.

Health Science Program

We offer an Associate's and Bachelor's degree in Health Science - Community and Public Health Track, with an emphasis on the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to function in today's complex and evolving health care environment. The degree offers hands-on experiences in preparing our students to work in the emerging health care world.

Associate of Science in Health Science - Community and Public Health Track
Our Associate of Science in Health Science - Community and Public Health Track is an online, 20 course degree program providing a comprehensive understanding of industry health principles and standards. Full-time students can complete the program in two years.

Bachelor of Science in Health Science - Community and Public Health Track
Our Bachelor of Science in Health Science - Community and Public Health Track is an online 39 course degree program providing a comprehensive understanding of industry health principles and standards. Full-time students can complete the program in four years.

Career
Services

The University of the People Career Service Center offers students' comprehensive, expert guidance as well as tools to improve vital professional skills pertinent to the business world, including:

• Resume building and cover letter writing
• Job searching skills
• Interviewing techniques
• Professional networking skills
• Career planning in the area of one's major (i.e. business, computer science)

The Career Service Center is accessible to students throughout the course of their studies, as well as after they become graduates.

Mentoring and Internships

As part of UoPeople's goal to support and guide its students and prepare them for post-graduation life, the University has initiated several unique mentoring and internship programs with the support of our partners. We believe that, by using these programs, our students will be able to enhance their academic experience and enrich their professional profiles to better prepare them for the competitive job market.

Hewlett-Packard (HP) is our pioneering mentoring partner, generously committing to offer 100 female UoPeople students (HP Scholars) with funding and mentoring support from HP employees over the course of their studies. Since launching this program in 2012, HP Scholars have enjoyed personalized guidance from their HP mentors while working towards their degrees at UoPeople. This has been a transformative experience for all involved in the program. The success of the mentoring program has been further expanded with the implementation of a partnership with Microsoft in their 4Afrika project.

UoPeople additionally offers opportunities for its students to participate in internship programs with selected partners as part of its desire to give students practical experience along their studies. UoPeople and BAV Consulting, a subsidiary of Y&R, have created a unique 20-week internship program. In this program, select UoPeople students from around the world learn the marketing methods of BAV and implement them in practice in their own countries under the supervision of BAV professionals. Following the success of this program, a subsequent program is now under development.

The mentoring and internship programs that have been offered to date are growing ever more successful and, given their value for our students, and the satisfaction of all parties involved, UoPeople is now working to expand these opportunities with other corporate partners. Additionally, a new type of mentorship program, one which will enable our volunteers to mentor our students, is under development.

A Sample of Our Partnerships and Allies

Microsoft

Microsoft has partnered with UoPeople to offer 1,000 scholarships to carefully selected African students studying towards Associate's Degrees in Computer Science or Business Administration. In addition to a full scholarship, students will receive access to Microsoft Certificate Programs, be assigned a Microsoft employee mentor, have internship opportunities during the course of their studies, and be eligible for employment opportunities within Microsoft and its over 10,000 partners across Africa. To help redress gender disparity in higher education in Africa, UoPeople and Microsoft are actively encouraging women to apply.

Yale

University of the People has formed a partnership with the Information Society Project at Yale Law School (Yale ISP). Yale ISP expanded its program in digital education by entering into a research partnership with UoPeople in September 2009. Within this partnership, the Yale ISP engages in research, advocacy, and network building to advance the marketplace of ideas supporting UoPeople's effort to create accessible, high quality online higher education.

Berkeley

University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) has established a new partnership with University of the People. Berkeley will now accept high-performing, qualified UoPeople Associate's degree graduates, who wish to transfer and complete a Bachelor's degree at Berkeley.

New York University

UoPeople established a relationship with New York University (NYU) to identify UoPeople students who could be eligible for admission to one of the most selective institutions in the world - NYU Abu Dhabi. High performing students who have studied for at least one year at UoPeople and meet the standards of admission are eligible to apply for admission to NYU Abu Dhabi. Successful applicants who qualify are also eligible for financial aid. UoPeople computer science student Joe Jean was the first student to transfer to NYUAD in September 2012.

Hewlett Packard

Hewlett Packard (HP) is one of the world largest technology companies and was UoPeople's first partner. In addition to valuable general and in-kind support, HP provides a scholarship and mentoring program for women students as well as internship opportunities that allow our students to broaden their skills and apply theory to real-world challenges. The internship collaboration was formed as part of the HP Catalyst Initiative. Advanced UoPeople students work within the HP Catalyst consortium on various projects across a number of areas, including education, technology and health. UoPeople also has a special partnership with HP's LIFE (Learning Initiative For Entrepreneurs) E-learning program, that gives UoPeople students special access to these online training programs.

UNAI

United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) is a global initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations. The goal of UNAI is to further the realization of the purposes and mandate of the Organization through activities and research in a shared culture of intellectual social responsibility. UoPeople is proud to be a member of the UNAI.

See you soon!

Apply now ›