Your deadline, in your time

Scholarship providers set deadlines in their own time zone: UK time, Central European Time, Beijing time. A UK deadline at 23:59 already falls on the next day in Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Amman or Cairo. This guide shows you how to convert any deadline yourself, in four steps.

Today's open deadlines, already converted for your city

https://scholarmena.com/guides/deadline-time-zones/#open-deadlines

The method: 4 steps

1. **Copy the deadline exactly.** Date, time and time zone, in the provider's own words. If the page gives a date with no time, see the advice below.
2. **Check the season.** Is the provider's country on summer or winter time on that date? (See "When clocks change" below.)
3. **Convert to UTC, then to your city.** UTC (Coordinated Universal Time) is the world's reference time. Take away the provider's offset to get UTC, then add your city's offset.
4. **Check the date.** Did the deadline move to the next day for you? This is the step people miss.

Your city's offset from UTC

- Riyadh, Doha, Kuwait, Manama, Amman, Baghdad: add 3 hours (no clock changes)
- Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Muscat: add 4 hours (no clock changes)
- Cairo: add 2 hours in winter, 3 in summer (see "When clocks change")
- Beirut: add 2 hours in winter, 3 in summer (see "When clocks change")
- Tripoli, Khartoum: add 2 hours (no clock changes)
- Tunis, Algiers: add 1 hour (no clock changes)
- Casablanca: add nothing; Morocco is on UTC all year since 20 September 2026

Worked example

A UK deadline of 23:59 on a date in January (the UK is on GMT, which equals UTC): Riyadh, Amman and Baghdad 02:59 *the next day*; Abu Dhabi 03:59 the next day; Cairo and Beirut 01:59 the next day; Tunis 00:59 the next day; Casablanca 23:59 the same day.

Traps to avoid

- **12:00 means noon.** On a UK or European page, "12:00" is midday, not midnight.
- **Dates written in numbers.** 06/01/2027 is 6 January in the UK and Europe, but June 1 in the US. Read the month in words on the provider's page.

- **"Midnight" or "end of day".** Our advice: if the page says "midnight" on a date without a clock time, treat it as the start of that date (00:00), the earlier reading.
- **Your portal's clock.** Some portals show the deadline with its time zone. Trust the provider's page and the portal over any social media post.
- **Weekends.** Offices that answer questions may be closed on the provider's weekend before a Monday deadline. Ask your questions early.

> **Our advice:** when a provider gives a date with no time, as KAUST, HBKU and NYU Abu Dhabi do, submit a full day early.

When clocks change

Check which time applies on the date of your deadline.

- **United Kingdom:** GMT (UTC+0) in winter; BST (UTC+1) from the last Sunday of March to the last Sunday of October.
- **European Union and Switzerland (Central European Time):** UTC+1 in winter; UTC+2 from the last Sunday of March to the last Sunday of October.
- **Egypt:** UTC+2 in winter; UTC+3 from the last Friday of April to the last Thursday of October.
- **Lebanon:** UTC+2 in winter; UTC+3 from the last Sunday of March to the last Sunday of October.
- **Morocco:** UTC+0 all year since 20 September 2026.

- **No clock changes:** Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, UAE, Oman, Jordan, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Tunisia, Algeria and China.

Do it yourself: worksheet

Fill in one line per application.

Programme

Deadline as written by the provider (date, time, zone)

Provider's offset on that date (summer or winter)

Deadline in UTC

My city and its offset

My deadline (date and time)

I will submit by (one day earlier)

Sources

Our editors read these official pages on 10 Nov 2026. If anything differs, the official page is the reference.

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