# Medicine - Entry 2019

# How to apply

These pages relate to applications for 2019 entry. Applicants for entry in 2018 can find the webpages that pertained to their application via the link on the right titled 'Medicine 2018 Entry'.

Applications for Medicine are made through the University and Colleges Admissions Service, (UCAS).

Applying for a place to study Medicine is extremely competitive. We currently have 273 places for Home students from the UK and European Union for our A100 five-year programme and 18 places available for International students. We have 15 places for Home students from widening participation backgrounds for our four-year A101 Graduate Entry Medicine programme. Please note that we do not have international places for our A101 programme.

Application should be made for either the standard five-year **A100 course** or the Graduate Entry fouryear **A101 course**.

For entry in 2018 we received over 1,800 applications for a total of 256 places. Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications we receive we are unable to consider any late applications. The UCAS application deadline is 15 October 2018.

### Completing your UCAS form

You have four choices available for Medical School applications and we encourage you to choose carefully on the basis of the grades that you have obtained or are expected to obtain and the entry requirements of each university. Applications that do not meet our minimum academic and UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) entry requirements (in the absence of Disrupted Studies) will not be successful. Details of the entry requirements of the Medical Schools in the United Kingdom can be found <u>here.</u> Medical courses at different universities are taught differently, and you should choose those institutions whose teaching style matches your learning preference. Your fifth choice may be left blank or used to apply for another degree course of your choice, without disadvantaging your application to the University of Sheffield Medical School. You may apply for deferred entry if you wish and your application will not be disadvantaged.

You should ensure that you accurately complete in full the details of all of your qualifications. You must include details of the title of your qualifications including the examining board, subjects studied, results obtained and whether or not the qualification has been certificated. If you have not yet obtained your results it is important that your referee completes your predicted grades. Please be as clear as possible and avoid any ambiguity.

### How we select applicants for offers

We select applicants using a step-wise process that considers:

- 1. Academic attainment against a set threshold and UKCAT attainment against a set threshold;
- 2. Ranking of applicants on the basis of their UKCAT score;
- 3. Performance at Multiple Mini-Interview.

More details regarding each stage or our admissions selection process can be found on these pages. You are encouraged to read these pages carefully before submitting your application. You may also find it helpful to review these pages again if you are invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview.

What our students say...

Both on and off the course Sheffield offers a lot of opportunities to develop the fundamental skills required of a doctor. Full body dissection, small group tutorials, early patient contact and clinical skills sessions deliver an exciting curriculum that integrates understanding medical science and preparation for life on the wards. Here in Sheffield there's a strong sense of belonging to an incredible social and academic community; one that strives to achieve higher and supports one another in the journey to becoming friendly, approachable and confident doctors. Studying here I've had the opportunity to teach, attend conferences, play sports and, most importantly, make life-long friends. With 60+ medical societies to pursue medical interests, engage in sport, music and voluntary work there's so much you can be a part of! Looking back on the past 3 years I've had such a rich and colourful student experience here, there really is nowhere else I'd rather be.

# ANDREW MAUD, MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT 2018-19

Choosing Medical Schools that suited me, making myself an appealing applicant and ensuring that I met entry requirements was hard work, but exciting! Deciding to study in Sheffield made it all worthwhile.

At the core of Sheffield Medial School is an emphasis on the patient. Too often, as medical students we can lose sight of the person and see only the disease, forgetting the individual at the centre of the life-altering illnesses we study. Here in Sheffield, early and consistent patient contact prevents us from doing this; in our first year we have regular sessions at a GP surgery, a two-week hospital placement and a community attachment (visiting patients in their own homes). This ensures that our care will always be patient centred, making us the kind of doctors that I would like to be treated by.

It wasn't just Sheffield's academic excellence which initially drew me here, it was the University's strong sense of community. Throughout my three years in Sheffield the staff and student's warmth and friendliness has stood out to me, allowing me to develop both personally and professionally, and making me proud to call myself a Sheffield Medical Student.

CATHERINE JESSON, MEDSOC ADMISSIONS LIAISON 2018-19

# Academic Entry Requirements and the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) -2019 Entry

#### **Entry Requirements**

Please note that these requirements are the minimum required in order to be considered for entry to the Medicine course. For 2019 entry we have a total of 288 places for HOME/EU students and no cap on the number of places for International Students. International student places are limited by the availability of placements and we expect to have approximately 18-22 International places. For 2018 entry we received 1814 applications for 256 places. The majority (85.5%) of applicants in 2018 met the minimum academic and UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) requirements. Those that did not were deemed unsuccessful. As our selection procedure takes into account academic achievements applicants will be assessed on the results (achieved and/or predicted) of all their qualifications. Due to the competitive nature of applying for the course most candidates selected to attend a multiple mini-interview usually far exceed our minimum requirements. Please note that meeting the minimum academic and UKCAT entry requirements does not guarantee an invitation to interview or the offer of a place.

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### 1. UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT)

All applicants applying to study Medicine at the University of Sheffield will need to undertake the UK Clinical Aptitude Test for Medicine and Dentistry (UKCAT) in order to be eligible for admission. The test must be taken prior to your application in the year of application. Details of test dates and how to register can be found on the UKCAT website which can be accessed from the link on the right. Please note that test results are only valid for the current admissions cycle: if you re-apply to this Medical School you will need to sit the test again. In addition to the academic requirements, candidates must have achieved a score of **2470/3600** or more to be given further consideration. Candidates must meet BOTH the academic entry requirements AND the UKCAT entry requirements. The Situational Judgement Test (SJT) component is only considered for those applicants who are invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview.

#### Please note:

Applicants who meet or exceed both the minimum academic requirements and the minimum UKCAT requirement will be ranked based on their UKCAT score after the application deadline to determine which of these applicants are invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview.

### 2. GCSE Requirements

Applicants for the A100 programme must meet the following GCSE minimum requirements:

- You should have at least five grade A (grade 7) GCSE subjects;
- GCSE passes at grade B (grade 6) or above in Mathematics, English and at least one science subject (which may be dual awards);
- The five A grades may include Mathematics, English or a science subject;

• Acceptable science GCSEs include: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, Psychology, Sciences (dual awards).

Please note:

- The GCSE requirements should have been met by the point of application;
- The relevant GCSEs should have been studied for no longer than two years;
- The relevant GCSEs do not have to be obtained in the same sitting or year;
- We accept GCSE resits. Any and all GCSE resits must be taken in the same sitting (unlike first sittings), and only one resit per GCSE is permitted. Only those GCSEs that do not meet the above entry requirements need to be retaken;
- A combination of numerically and alphabetically graded GCSEs is acceptable;
- Non-GCSE qualifications (such as Level 2 OCR qualifications) taken alongside GCSEs are not considered as equivalent and do not count towards meeting the GCSE requirement. If you have not studied GCSEs but have studied an equivalent international qualification, please contact the Medical Admissions Office for information about the acceptability of the qualifications and required levels of achievement. GCSE Short Courses are also not considered,

# 3. English Language Requirements

The required grade for GCSE English Language varies depending on whether you are applying as a UK/EU applicant or as International applicant:

- Home/EU applicants must hold a Grade B or higher at GCSE English Language. Home/EU applicants holding iGCSE English as a Second Language or Edexcel iGCSE English Language B are required to hold a Grade B or higher:
- For International applicants, the grade required depends on the qualifications taken and the examining body. For more information, please see the University Guidance (see the third table at the link below, titled "UK Qualifications") for details of the required grades for various GCSE and iGCSE English Language Qualifications.

A range of other qualifications will satisfy the School's English language requirements, details of these are available on the central <u>University webpage</u>. Applicants completing a qualification with variable requirements should achieve an equivalent of IELTS 7.5 overall with no less than 7.0 in each component.

We are not able to consider the following English Language qualifications for entry to our Medicine course:

- Anglia Examinations in English
- Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)
- Cambridge Preliminary English Test (PET)
- City and Guilds (I)ESOL
- Key English Test (KET)
- London Chamber of Commerce: English for Business
- Malaysian Certificate of Educational English Language
- Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency
- Nigerian National Examinations Council qualification (NECO)
- Oxford International Business English Certificate
- Pitman English for Business Communications
- Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)

### 4. AS Level Requirements

There are no AS requirements for the A100 programme. Where an applicant holds AS Levels, they will not be considered as part of the application.

# 5. A Level Requirements

Our offer for subjects taken at A Level is AAA to include Chemistry or Biology and one other science (Maths, Physics, Biology/Human Biology or Psychology). The combination of Chemistry and Biology is acceptable. Applicants who do not yet hold A Levels at the time of application must have predicted grades of at least AAA. Please note the following:

- The three A Levels should be studied for no longer than two years and must all be taken in the same sitting;
- Where an A Level has a separately graded practical component, this practical component is required and a passing grade must be obtained;
- We accept A Level resits. Any and all A Level resits must be taken in the same sitting and only one resit per A Level is permitted. Only those A Levels that do not meet the above entry requirements need to be retaken;
- We are unable to consider A Levels that have been taken early;
- Please note that A Level Critical Thinking and A Level General Studies do not count towards meeting our A Level requirement;
- We do not accept A Level Further Mathematics.
- For applicants who take four A Levels in a two year period (typically years 12 and 13 at school) including Mathematics and Further Mathematics, we will accept the Mathematics A Level, even if it is taken in Year 12, and irrespective of whether the A Level is certificated in Year 12 or 13. It is expected that Chemistry or Biology and another subject (that is not Critical Thinking, Further Mathematics or General Studies) will be taken in Year 13.

# 6. Applicants offering A Levels and an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Our offer for applicants offering an EPQ taken alongside A Levels is AAB at A Level plus an A or A\* grade EPQ. Please note the following:

- The same subject requirements for A Levels that apply to applicants without an EPQ (see above) apply to applicants offering an EPQ;
- A grade A is required in the mandatory science A Level (Chemistry or Biology);
- A level 3 extended project qualification is required and this must have been taken alongside A Levels. (Typically this is in Year 12 or 13 at school.);
- The EPQ can be in any subject;
- Level 3 EPQs taken alongside GCSEs, Level 2 EPQs, BTECs, City and Guilds Level 3, Level 3 NVQs and OCR Nationals are not accepted;
- No adjustment is made to the GCSE entry requirements for appliants offering an EPQ;
- Where an appliant is taking an EPQ alongside A Levels and is predicted to attain a Grade A or A\*, predicted A Level grades of AAB are acceptable.;
- Where an applicant is taking an EPQ alongside A Levels but is predicted to attain less than a grade A in their EPQ, they will be required to have or be predicted to attain AAA at A Level.

# 7. Other Qualifications

Our usual offer for other qualifications is:

• Cambridge Pre-U Certificate - grades D3, D3, D3 in Chemistry or Biology and another science subject;

- Scottish Highers AAAAB plus Advanced Highers grades AA in Chemistry or Biology and another science subject;
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma grade A, plus grades AA in two A Levels, subjects must include Chemistry or Biology and another science subject (Biology, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology);
- Irish Leaving Certificate H1,H1,H1,H1 with H1 in Chemistry or Biology and another science subject;
- International Baccalaureate 36 points overall with 6s in Higher Level subjects (to include Chemistry or Biology and another science subject) and no less than 4 in each of the Standard level subjects. (Subsequent to the publication of the MBChB Course Brochure the University of Sheffield now recognises 36 points equivalent to AAA at A Level);
- Higher Level Qualifications Please see the tab below.

We are not able to consider the following qualifications for entry to our Medicine course:

- Bedales Examinations
- BTECs
- HE Diplomas
- International Certificate of Christian Education
- Masters degrees. (Bachelors Degrees are considered under Higher Level Qualifications)
- PhDs

### 8. Higher Level Qualifications

Graduates will be expected to hold at least a 2:1 (Upper Second Class) Bachelors degree in any subject. In addition, graduate applicants must have grades of at least BBB at A Level, one of which must be Chemistry or Biology.

Please note:

- All three A Levels must have been taken in the same sitting;
- We accept A Level resits. Any and all A Level resits must be taken in one sitting, and only one resit per A Level is permitted. Only those A Levels that do not meet the above entry requirements need to be retaken;
- A Levels in Further Mathematics, Critical Thinking and General Studies are not accepted for the A100 programme;
- Where a graduate applicant with a 2:1 Bachelor's degree in any subject has BBB or better at A Level but the pre-degree A Levels do not include Chemistry or Biology, we will consider the application if the candidates has taken A Level Chemistry or Biology after their Bachelor's degree and achieved (or is predicted to achieve) a Grade B or higher;
- There are no exemptions from any part of the Medicine course for graduates who hold a science or biomedical science degree;
- Dental Graduates must have the BDS (BChD) or be due to obtain the MFDS or FDS. There are no exemptions from any part of the Medicine course for dental graduates.

### 9. International Qualifications

You should write to the Medical Admissions Office with full details of your qualifications, enclosing copies of certificates/transcripts. Normally, International applicants will be expected to hold an acceptable English Language Qualification. If taking the IELTS we require a score of 7.5 overall with no less than 7.0 in each component.

## **10. Disrupted Studies**

If you are an undergraduate applicant and you have experienced issues of a personal, social or domestic nature that have affected either your post-16 studies, or any GCSE Qualifications that are cited in our course entry requirements, you can let us know by completing our Disrupted Studies form. Details of our Admissions Policy on disrupted studies is available via the download on the right or you can find more information via the following link: <u>Disrupted Studies</u>

# A101 Graduate Entry: Academic, UKCAT and Widening Participation Entry Requirements

We have fifteen places available to Home applicants from widening participation backgrounds for our four-year A101 graduate entry programme. Applicants for this programme will be required to demonstrate that they come from a widening participation background and that they meet our minimum academic and UKCAT requirements. The requirements set out on this page are the minimum required in order to be considered for entry to the A101 Graduate Entry Medicine course. Meeting the minimum academic and UKCAT entry requirements does not guarantee an invitation to interview or the offer of a place.

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# 1. Widening Participation Entry Requirements

This degree programme is **only** open to Home students from Widening Participation backgrounds. The A101 Graduate Entry programme is not open to Home students who are not from a Widening Participation background. There are no International places available.

We will consider applicants to meet our widening participation criteria if they met **any two** or more of the following criteria at the point they completed their A-Levels (or equivalent qualifications):

- Lived in a area with a low progression to higher education;
- Lived in a deprived area;
- Received free school meals in years 10-13;
- Received a 16-19 Bursary or similar grant;
- Was a young carer;
- Was estranged from their parents or legal guardians during their secondary/further education;
- Have parents who do not hold higher education qualifications;
- Have a disability.

We will determine whether applicants meet our widening participation entry requirements by sending them a simple form to complete, which includes definitions for the criteria set out above. You can find a copy of the form <u>here</u> for your information. You may download the form and submit it to us with your application. If you choose to do this, please submit it to medadmissions@sheffield.ac.uk. Alternatively, we will send this to applicants to complete on receipt of their application. Applicants will be required to return the form to us by 1st November 2018 at the latest and we will not be able to process the application if the completed form is not received. Applicants who receive offers will be required to provide supporting evidence at registration or a statement to indicate why such evidence cannot be provided.

### 2. Academic Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to meet *both* our minimum A Level *and* our minimum Degree academic entry requirements. (We do not consider GCSEs or AS Levels for this programme.) Applicants are also required to meet our minimum English Language requirements. We do not rank applicants on the basis of their academic attainment.

#### **A Level Qualifications**

Applicants must typically have grades of at least BBB at A Level at the time of application, one of which must be Chemistry or Biology.

Please note:

- All three A Levels must have been taken in the same sitting;
- Where an A Level has a separately graded practical component, this practical component is required and must have been passed;
- We do accept A Level resits. Any and all A Level resits must be taken in one sitting, and only one resit per A Level is permitted. Only those A Levels that do not meet the above entry requirements need to be retaken;
- A Levels in Further Mathematics, Critical Thinking and General studies are not accepted for the A101 programme;
- For applicants who took four A Levels in a two year period (typically years 12 and 13 at school) including Mathematics and Further Mathematics, we will accept the Mathematics A Level, even if it is taken in Year 12, and irrespecitve of whether the A Level is certificated in Year 12 or 13. It is expected that Chemistry or Biology and another subject (that is not Critical Thinking, Further Mathematics or General Studies) will be taken in Year 13;
- Where a graduate applicant has BBB or better at A Level but the pre-degree A Levels do not include Chemistry or Biology after their Bachelor's degree and achieved (or is predicted to achieve) a Grade B or higher.

For applicants not holding A Levels, our usual requirement for other qualifications is:

- Cambridge Pre-U Certificate grades M2, M2, M2 including Chemistry or Biology;
- Scottish Highers Advanced Highers grades BB including Chemistry or Biology;
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma grade B, plus grades BB in two A Levels, subjects must include Chemistry or Biology;
- Irish Leaving Certificate B1,B1,B1,B1 with B1 in Chemistry or Biology;
- International Baccalaureate 32 points overall with 5's in Higher Level subjects (to include Chemistry or Biology) and no less than 4 in each of the Standard Level subjects.

We are not able to consider the following qualifications for entry to our Graduate Entry Medicine course:

- Bedales Examinations
- BTECs
- HE Diplomas
- International Certificate of Christian Education
- Foundation courses
- Access courses
- Bachelor's degrees that are not in Life Sciences subjects
- Masters degrees
- PhDs.

#### **Degree qualifications**

Applicants for this programme will need to have (or be predicted) to attain an upper second class or first class Bachelor's degree in an appropriate life sciences subject. We are looking for applicants whose degrees will have given them an appropriate level of understanding of human anatomy and physiology.

Please note:

Appropriate life sciences degrees include, **but are not limited to** the following degrees (this is not an exhaustive list):

- BMedSci
- BSc Anatomy and Physiology
- BSc Biomedical Science
- BSc Clinical Science
- BSc Healthcare Science
- BSc Human Physiology
- BSc Medical Science
- BSc Pharmacology
- BDS (Dentistry)
- MPharm

We do not consider the following degrees to be appropriate life sciences degrees and they do not meet our entry requirements:

- BSc Biology
- BSc Botany
- BSc Chemistry

We do not consider postgraduate Masters degrees (i.e. when taken as a second degree) or PhD's when determining whether you meet our academic entry requirements.

If your degree does not appear on the lists above we may still be able to accept it. We strongly recommend that you contact the medial admissions team (medadmissions@sheffield.ac.uk) prior to submitting your application with a copy of your degree transcript and/or syllabus. We will then be able to advise you whether we will accept your degree or not.

# If your degree does not appear on the lists above, we will require you to submit a degree transcript to us with your application for consideration.

Graduates and soon-to-be gradautes who have (or are soon to have) a Bachelor's degree in a subject other than an appropriate life sciences subject, or who do not come from a widening participation background are not eligible to apply for our graduate entry programme, but should see the entry criteria for the <u>A100 five-year</u> programme.

# 3. UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) requirements

All applicants applying to study Medicine at the University of Sheffield will need to undertake the UK Clinical Aptitude Test for Medicine and Dentistry (UKCAT) in order to be eligible for admission. The test must be taken prior to your application in the year of application. Details of test dates and how to register can be found on the UKCAT website which can be accessed from the link on the right. Please note that test results are only valid for the current admissions cycle: if you re-apply to this Medical School you will need to sit the test again. In addition to the academic requirements, candidates must have achieved a score of 2470/3600 or above to be given further consideration. Candidates must meet the UKCAT entry requirements AND the academic entry requirements AND the widening participation criteria. The Situational Judgement Test (SJT) component is only considered for those applicants who are invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview.

Please note:

• We will aim to invite 60-100 applicants for interview. In the event that we receive more applications than we have interview spaces for, applicants who meet our exceed the minimum academic requirements, the minimum UKCAT requirement and the widening participation criteria may be ranked based on their UKCAT score after the application deadline to determine which of these applicants are invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview.

## 4. Disrupted Studies

If you have experienced issues of a personal, social or domestic nature that have affected either your post-16 studies, or any qualifications that are cited in our course entry requirements, you can let us know by completing our Disrupted Studies form. Details of our Admissions Policy on disrupted studies is available via the download on the right or you can find more information via the following link: <u>Disrupted Studies</u>

# Relevant Work Experience - 2019 Entry

We do not read or score applicants' UCAS Personal Statements as part of the selection process but your work and other experience is likely to be discussed as part of the Multiple Mini-Interviews.

Applicants are normally expected to have undergone a period of work experience. Medical Schools expect applicants to have a range of work experience for two reasons. Firstly, this demonstrates that you have a realistic insight to the profession - you are after all committing to a lifetime career when you apply to study Medicine. It is important that you have an understanding of the complex nature of a doctor's role, as well as being aware of the highs and lows of the profession.

Work experience is also important in enabling you to develop (and to demonstrate that you have) the relevant skills and qualities that are essential to becoming a good doctor. A few examples are listed below:

- Ability to overcome setbacks;
- Ability to work independently;
- A sense of responsibility;
- A sense of service to the community;
- Communication skills;
- Enthusiasm;
- Experience of working with diverse groups;
- Perseverance;
- Self-insight.

We recognise that it is not always possible for students to obtain work placements in a medical environment given the limited availability of volunteer placements in hospitals and similar clinical settings. However, in addition to shadowing a GP or other medical practitioner, there are many other areas related to medicine in which you can gain experience. Some examples of these are listed below:-

• Paid or voluntary work experience in a residential care home, hospice or similar;

- Working in a youth centre or working with young children;
- Participating in community volunteering schemes;
- Working with a diverse range of people (whether on a paid or voluntary basis).

Participatory work experience (not simply observing, but a 'hands on' role) is extremely valuable. Many applicants arrange to undertake paid or voluntary work as a Healthcare Assistant. Whatever work experience you have, it is important that you are able to reflect effectively on it if you are invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview. We recommend that you keep a journal when undertaking work experience, recording what you found interesting, what insights you gained and what you were inspired to go and find out more about. We will not ask to see such a journal, but it may help you prepare for the application process.

Applicants invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview should be able to communicate not only what meaningful activities they have undertaken, but also what they have learned from these experiences, particularly in regards to their future as medical practitioners.

A rota of the duties of your job or project involved is not required.

While we normally expect all applicants to have had some form of work experience, we set no requirement regarding the duration of this.

Work experience gained in a country other than that in which you normally reside is not required, and is not considered more favourably than work experience at home.

Medical Schools' Council have produced useful guidance regarding work experience, which can be accessed <u>here</u>.

There is useful information regarding work experience <u>here</u> (but please note that this is an external website and we cannot vouch for its contents).

# What Happens To Your Application? 2019 Entry

VIDEO (MBChB Selection Process for 2019 entry)

Our Admissions Selection process comprises three stages, according to the following timeline:-

01.05.2018	UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) Registration opens (testing begins 02.07.2018)
18.09.2018	UKCAT Registration Deadline
01.10.2018	UKCAT Booking/Rescheduling Deadline
02.10.2018	UKCAT Last Testing Date
15.10.2018	UCAS Application Deadline
16.10.2018- 02.11.2018	Stage 1a: Applications are checked to make sure applicants meet the minimum academic requirements (the ac
07.11.2018	Medical School receives test scores from UKCAT.
07.11.2018- 12.11.2018	Stage 1b: Applications are checked to make sure applicants meet the minimum UKCAT requirement (the UK0 (08.11.2018)
	<b>Stage 2:</b> Candidates meeting both the academic and the UKCAT thresholds are ranked on their UKCAT score Applicants who meet our minimum entry requirements and have the highest UKCAT scores are invited to attend
	We have now completed our UKCAT ranking, and this resulted in the following cut points. (Each of the
	A100 (Home): UKCAT cut point = 2630/3600.
	A100 (Overseas): UKCAT cut point = 2630/3600.
	A101: UKCAT cut point = 2470/3600 (i.e. no UKCAT ranking was needed).
	Applicants who meet our Academic entry requirements (and, for A101 applicants, who also meet our Wisscore meets or exceeds these UKCAT CUT points will be invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview. We this process on 09.11.2018. We will update this page again when we have finished sending out these invited to the sending out the sending out the sending out the sending out the sender
	Unsuccessful applications may be considered by the University for a Change of Course to Biomedical Science weeks. Unsuccessful applicants are then notified via UCAS.
	Successful applicants can expect by 16.11.2018 to receive an email from the Medical School admissions team ( interview. Unsuccessful applicants can expect to be notified via UCAS by approximately 16.12.2018. <b>19.11.20</b> the exception of a small number to applicants where communication is delayed because of a convictions declar conviction. Those remaining applicants we intend to invite to interview can expect to hear from us by 21/11/20
Nov 2018 - Jan 2019	Stage 3: Multiple Mini-Interviews

Multiple Mini-Interviews will be conducted in Sheffield between 26-30 November 2018, 3-7 December 2018 a on the Northern General Hospital Campus.
Panel-based Interviews in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia will take place in the week 7-11 January 2019. Interviews i 2019.
MMI/Interview score sheets and UCAS references reviewed.
End of Stage 3:
Offers/Unsuccessful decisions notified to students via UCAS. Unsuccessful applications may be considered by Science and/or Orthoptics. This process may take 2-3 weeks. Unsuccessful applicants are then notified via UCA A100 Overseas applicants and for A101 applicants. We expect now to begin processing offer decisions for A10 11.02.2019, and to have completed the process in the Medical School by 25.02.2019.
Multiple Mini Interviews for applicants applying via the Bradford Widening Participation routes will be held on
A Level results day.

Our Admissions Selection process comprises three stages, according to the following timeline:

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# 1. STAGE 1: Academic Attainment and UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) Attainment (thresholds)

**Stage 1a**: Applications will initially be checked to determine whether they meet our minimum academic requirements (the academic threshold). We will look at the results of all your previous qualifications and the predictions of any qualifications that you are currently studying for. On the basis of this, we will determine whether or not you meet our minimum academic requirements. Applications that meet the minimum academic requirements progress to Stage 1b. Applications that do not meet the minimum academic requirements are deemed unsuccessful.

In Stage 1a, applicants compete against the minimum academic requirements. While many applicants exceed the minimum academic requirements, we do not rank applicants according to academic attainment, and there is no advantage in our selection process to those who exceed the minimum requirements.

**Stage 1b**: Those applications that meet the minimum academic thresholds are reviewed to determine whether they also meet the minimum UKCAT requirement 2470/3600 (the UKCAT threshold). This threshold has been determined by considering the 40<sup>th</sup> centile scores of the test in 2014, 2015 and 2017, and taking the mean of these. (The UKCAT scores from 2016 were not considered as in that year the test was out of 2700).

There is no compensation between academic attainment and UKCAT attainment - exceeding the academic threshold will not compensate for a lower UKCAT score.

# 2. STAGE 2: UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) Ranking

1. SOAMS applicants and Realising Opportunities applicants who meet both the academic and UKCAT minimum requirements bypass this stage and are invited to attend for a Multiple Mini-

Interview. Applications from people in SOAMS or Realising Opportunities applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements will be deemed unsuccessful.

2. All other applicants meeting both the academic and UKCAT thresholds are ranked according to their UKCAT scores. Home/EU applicants are ranked separately to International applicants. The applicants who have the highest UKCAT scores will be invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview. The remaining applicants will be deemed unsuccessful.

It is not possible to know with any certainty where the UKCAT cut point (at and above which applicants will be invited to interview) will land prior to the application deadline. This is because in Stage 2, applicants are in competition with one another. Where the cut-point lies will depend on the UKCAT scores of all of the applicants meeting the academic and UKCAT thresholds. We will only calculate the cut point once all applications have been received. The following information is provided for guidance. The UKCAT cut point in the 2018-19 cycle may differ from the values given below.

- 3. The 2018-19 admissions cycle is the third time we have used the UKCAT in this way.
- 4. In the 2016-17 admissions cycle, the minimum threshold was 1850/2700. After ranking, Home/EU applicants who scored 2000/2700 or higher and international applicants who scored 1990/20700 or higher were invited to interview.
- 5. In the 2017-18 admissions cycle, the minimum threshold was 2460/3600. After ranking, Home/EU applicants and International applicants who scored 2690/3600 or higher were invited to interview.

We are not able to determine how the scores above will equate to the 2018 UKCAT. However, we note that the UKCAT cut points in 2016-17 and 2017-18 fell around the 70th-73rd centile. The UKCAT cut point may fall on different centiles in this selection cycle.

# 3. STAGE 3: The Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI)

The Medical School will interview approximately 1300 candidates for Medicine for 2019 entry. (Approximately 1150 Home/EU applicants and approximately 150 International applicants will be interviewed). The Medical School uses Multiple Mini-Interviews (MMIs) as evidence has shown that these are a more reliable and fair means of assessing applicants. Our MMIs will be held in November and December. For applicants from South East Asia, Medical School staff will be conducting panel-based interviews in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore in January.

The Multiple Mini-Interviews comprise a series of eight 8-minute stations. The questioning in these stations is typically based around the following areas:

- communication skills
- depth and breadth of interests (achievements in specific fields)
- evidence of commitment for caring
- knowledge of and interest in study in Sheffield
- medical work experience/Extended Project Qualification
- motivation for medicine
- understanding the nature of medicine
- values and attitudes
- outside interests

Each station in the MMI is scored as follows:

MMI Score	Description
5	Excellent
4	Good
3	Satisfactory
2	Borderline
1	Unsatisfactory

In addition to the eight stations in the circuit, applicants' scores in the UKCAT Situational Judgement Test (SJT) will be considered as a ninth virtual station. The UKCAT SJT will contribute to the MMI as follows:

MMI Score	SJT Quartile	Description
5	1st	Excellent
4	2nd	Good
3	3rd	Satisfactory
2	4th	Borderline
1	Not applicable	Not applicable

Interviewed candidates can therefore attain a total score of 10-45/45. This score is used to rank applicants when deciding which applicants will receive an offer.

Interviewers are drawn from medical educationalists, medically qualified senior members of staff, biomedical scientists, junior hospital doctors, senior nurses, senior medical students and lay people. Interviewers will not have read your Personal Statement, but some of the questions asked commonly relate to the sorts of things people typically write about in their UCAS Personal Statement. You are encouraged to prepare by reading the <u>NHS Constitution</u>, the General Medical Council's publication '<u>Good Medical Practice</u>', and by keeping up to date with recent medical breakthroughs, topical controversies, ethical issues and NHS politics.

We do not set a dress code for the Multiple Mini-Interviews but of course your appearance at interview is important. You should dress appropriately and in a professional manner. The conduct of applicants is assessed from the moment that they arrive for their MMIs.

Generic advice on preparing for Multiple Mini-Interivews can be found on the Medical Schools' Council website <u>here</u>. The MMI in Sheffield may differ from the format demonstrated by Medical Schools' Council.

#### VIDEO

# 4. Values-based Recruitment

In addition to the values and characteristics mentioned above, the University of Sheffield Medical School is committed to selecting applicants able to demonstrate at Multiple Mini-Interview the core values set out in the NHS Constitution. These core values are summarised as:

- Working together for patients, putting the needs of patients and communities first and speaking up when things go wrong.
- **Respect and dignity**, valuing every person whether patient, their families or carers, or staff as an individual and taking what others have to say seriously.
- **Commitment to quality of care**, earning the trust placed in the profession by insisting on quality and striving to get the basics of quality of care safety, effectiveness and patient experience right every time.
- **Compassion**, ensuring that compassion is central to the care provided and respond with humanity and kindness to each person's pain, distress, anxiety or need. We search for the things we can do, however small, to give comfort and relieve suffering. We find time for patients, their families and carers, as well as those we work alongside.
- **Improving lives**, striving to improve health and wellbeing and people's experiences of the NHS. We cherish excellence and professionalism wherever we find it in the everyday things that make people's lives better as much as in clinical practice, service improvements and innovation.
- **Everyone counts**, maximising resources for the benefit of the whole community, and making sure nobody is excluded, discriminated against or left behind.

Applicants are encouraged to read the full text of the **<u>NHS Constitution</u>**.

### 5. What Happens after the Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI)

During your MMI you will be graded on your performance at each station. Based upon this grading the Director of Undergraduate Medical Admissions will then make the final decision as to whether you are offered a place on the course, or are unsuccessful. Some unsuccessful applicants may be placed on a reserve list.

Offers are dependent on the applicant having a satisfactory UCAS reference.

Offer decisions are made only once all of the MMIs have been completed.

If you are made an offer of a place you will receive notification of your offer directly through UCAS. All the offers that we make are also subject to the receipt of a satisfactory health questionnaire and a satisfactory enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check (or equivalent). Please read the sections of this website on Health Requirements and Criminal Record Checks for further details. We will send you details about how to arrange your DBS check and about the health requirements questionnaire if you firmly accept our offer. You will also be required to sign a student entry agreement prior to starting the course.

# Deferred Entry Applications 2020 Entry

At Sheffield Medical School we welcome deferred entry applications; you simply need to state that you wish to defer your entry to 2020 on your UCAS form. Students applying for deferred entry may be asked to summarise (briefly) their plans for the year ahead during the Multiple Mini-Interview. Not only does this show that you have given considerable thought and effort into planning your gap year, but will also give you an opportunity to demonstrate relevant work experience that will enable you to become a good doctor in the future. If you are currently planning your gap year we would suggest you refer to the previous section on <u>Relevant Work Experience</u>.

There are many advantages to taking a gap year, including:

- An opportunity to travel the world and meet people from different cultures. This will develop your awareness of cultural diversity, which is important in the medical profession;
- Additional time to gain further work experience in a relevant area, such as participating in a volunteer project at home or overseas, thus reinforcing your evidence of commitment to caring and insight into the profession;
- Lastly, the opportunity to earn some money over the coming year to help fund your studies at Sheffield. This reflects very well on you as an individual, as you are demonstrating social responsibility.

A number of students find that taking a gap year leads to increased confidence, maturity, and self-insight, all of which are relevant to a career in medicine.

If you decide you wish to defer your entry mid-way through the application cycle, we may still be able to accommodate your gap-year plans. You will need to put your request in writing (either via email or post) to the Medical Admissions Team, explaining your reasons for requesting deferment. In the majority of cases we can amend your year of entry accordingly.

Applicants must be 18 years old by the first day of the second term. Applicants who will not have reached their 18th birthday by the first day of the second term of their first year are welcome to apply but will be required to defer their entry. For 2019 entry, the first day of the second term is Monday 20th January 2020. There is no upper age limit.

# Mature students 2019 Entry

The Medical School encourages applications from mature students. Although we have no upper age limit, it seems sensible only to accept those who can provide a reasonable period of service to the Health Service after graduation. As will be seen from the comments below, we accept mature students from varied backgrounds and of differing ages.

We do not have a quota for the number of mature students that are admitted to the A100 MBChB programme.

Graduate applicants should be aware that they may not be eligible to receive a loan for tuition fees, therefore graduate applicants may want to contact <u>Student Finance England</u> for information and advice.

I remember coming to Sheffield Medical School and after talking to just a handful of people, thinking to myself 'wow everyone is so friendly!' I spoke to a couple of medical students and they all thought the Medical School was brilliant. I was a bit sceptical because I thought maybe they'd been forced into giving the Medical School a wonderful review, but after being here for nearly two years I am honoured to be part of an amazing Medical School. There is so much academic help available including many revision sessions put on by the Medical Society.

A major bonus about the Medical School is the 2 weeks of ICE in your first year. For me it was great because as a postgraduate I had been sitting in lectures for three years and had never been on the wards. It gives you a bit of a teaser as to what clinical years will be like. There are so many sub-societies to get involved in and you'll definitely find something for you. The buddying scheme put on by the Medical Society pairs first year students with second year students. The advantage of this scheme is that you have someone who can give you advice on revision, what textbooks to buy and even the best places in town to eat! I definitely do not regret my decision to come to Sheffield Medical School; it has been a wonderful experience so far and I'm looking forward to my next three years here.

FRANCESCA ONYINA - MATURE STUDENT

# International students 2019 Entry

The University of Sheffield Medical School's world-wide reputation for quality attracts students from over one hundred countries around the globe. Thanks to help from part of our Global Engagement Team - the South East Asia office in Kuala Lumpur, we are normally able to hold interviews in Malaysia and Singapore.

Applicants hoping to sit the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) in Kuala Lumpur should note that there is only one centre for this in Kuala Lumpur, at the University of Sheffield South East Asia Office. Such candidates are advised to book early to sit this assessment. There are other UKCAT test centres in Malaysia and elsewhere around the world, and details can be found on the <u>UKCAT website</u>.

Applicants are encouraged to make contact with current international medical students to find out more about studying at the Medical School.

When considering which of the applicants who meet the Academic and UKCAT minimum thresholds to invite to interview, International Students are ranked separately to UK and EU Home Students.

We have no cap on the number of places available for undergraduate medicine for international students but competition is intense, places are limited by the availability of placements and we expect to have approximately 18-22 International places. Although five years seems daunting, the University, and Sheffield as a student-friendly city provide a unique experience. The Students Union has repeatedly been voted the best in the country and holds events that allows students to experience the cultural diversity that Sheffield has to offer. The <u>Students' Union</u> has thriving societies for international students.

If you would like to know more about the experiences of international students in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health you can read their blog here <u>mdhambassadors</u>.

As an international student, I can say that choosing to study medicine at the University of Sheffield is one of the most fulfilling decisions I have ever made. Sheffield has some of the friendliest people in the world and this allowed me the opportunity to easily integrate into the community and meet a range of people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

The Medical School has a great support system with very supportive staff that helped me adjust into the system. I found the curriculum well balanced which helped me focus on my academic work and maintain a healthy social life by partaking in extracurricular activities at the same time. The Sheffield Students' Union is ranked number 1 in the country and this is evident in the fact that there is a huge variety of societies to join, as well as very exciting events occurring all through the year. **NNEOMA UZO - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT** 

# Widening access to medical course - 2019 Entry

The Medical School is committed to widening access to the Medicine course. Through the Sheffield Outreach and Access to Medicine Scheme (SOAMS) and Realising Opportunities (RO), we aim to encourage applications from under-represented groups and from those who have the ability to become good doctors but would not normally consider this as a serious option. We also encourage applications from mature students and consider people from a variety of backgrounds and of differing ages.

# Sheffield's Outreach and Access to Medicine Scheme (SOAMS)

This exciting scheme gives local students in years 12-13, from under-represented groups, the opportunity to enter the degree course in medicine. It has become increasingly evident that pupils from lower socio-economic groups are disadvantaged when applying to study Medicine. Their schools do not usually have a record of academic achievements and many pupils have a family background that may prevent them from progressing into post-16 education. Those who work hard to overcome these barriers do not often have the opportunity to undertake suitable work experience and therefore, may have difficulty in demonstrating commitment to caring, and that they are suitable for a career in a caring profession.

# **Realising Opportunities**

Realising Opportunities (RO) is a national Widening Participation Scheme in the United Kingdom. It is a collaboration of 15 leading research-intensive universities that are working together to promote fair access and social mobility of students from groups that are under-represented in higher education.

The academic entry requirements for SOAMS and RO students are different to those of other applicants. In addition to completing either the SOAMS or RO programme, these applicants are required to meet the following academic and UKCAT standards.

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# 1. GCSE Requirement

SOAMS and RO applicants for the A100 programme are required to have a minimum of five GCSE passes at grade A\*-B (grades 9-6) with grade C (grade 4) or above in Science (Double Award accepted), Mathematics and English.

Please note:

- The GCSE requirements should have been met by the point of application;
- The relevant GCSEs should be studied for no longer than two years;
- The relevant GCSEs do not have to be obtained in the same sitting or year;
- We accept GCSE resits. Any and all GCSE resits must be taken in one sitting, and only one resit per GCSE is permitted. Only those GCSEs that do not meet the above entry requirements need to be retaken;
- Non-GCSE qualifications (such as Level 2 OCR qualifications) taken alongside GCSEs are not considered as equivalent and do not count towards meeting the GCSE requirement. If you have not studied GCSEs, please contact the Medical Admissions Office for information about alternative acceptable qualifications and required levels of achievement.

# 2. A Level Requirement

SOAMS and RO applicants are required to have or be predicted to attain at least ABB at A Level, including Chemistry or Biology and one other science (Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Psychology). The A grade does not have to be in Chemistry or Biology.

Please note:

- SOAMS and RO applicants who receive offers will receive a Standard Offer of AAA at A Level and an Adjusted Offer of ABB at A Level. The Adjusted Offer will apply if the applicant completes the SOAMS or RO programme and firmly accepts the offer. If the applicant chooses to accept the University of Sheffield as an insurance choice, the standard offer will apply;
- The three A Levels should be studied for no longer than two years and must all be taken in one sitting;
- We are unable to consider A Level examinations taken early;
- We accept A Level resits. Any and all A Level resits must be taken in one sitting, and only one resit per A Level is permitted. Only those A Levels that do not meet the above entry requirements need to be retaken;
- Where an A Level has a separately graded practical component, this practical component is required and a passing grade must be obtained;
- Please note that A Level Critical Thinking and A Level General Studies do not count towards meeting our A Level requirement;
- We do not accept A Level Further Mathematics. For applicants who take four A Levels in a two year period (typically years 12 and 13 at school) including Mathematics and Further Mathematics, we will accept the Mathematics A Level, even if it is taken in Year 12 and irrespective of whether the A Level is certificated in Year 12 or 13. It is expected that Chemistry or Biology and another subject (that is not Critical Thinking, Further Mathematics or General Studies) will be taken in Year 13.

# 3. SOAMS and RO Applicants offering A Levels and an Extended Project Qualification

Our offer for applicants from SOAMS and RO offering an EPQ taken alongside A Levels is BBB at A Level plus an A or A\* grade EPQ. Please note the following:

- SOAMS and RO applicants who receive offers will receive a Standard Offer of AAB at A Level plus an A or A\* grade EPQ and an Adjusted Offer will apply if the applicant completes the SOAMS or RO programme and firmly accepts the offer. If the applicant chooses to accept the University of Sheffield as an insurance choice, the standard offer will apply;
- The same subject requirements for A Levels that apply to applicants without an EPQ (see above) apply to applicants offering an EPQ.
- A level 3 extended project qualification is required and this must have been taken alongside A Levels. (Typically this is in Year 12 or 13 at school.)
- The EPQ can be in any subject;
- Level 3 EPQs taken alongside GCSEs, Level 2 EPQs, BTECs, City and Guilds Level 3, Level 3 NVQs and OCR Nationals are not accepted;
- No adjustment is made to the GCSE entry requirements for applicants offering an EPQ;
- Where an applicant is taking an EPQ alongside A Levels and is predicted to attain a Grade A or A\*, predicted A Level grades of BBB are acceptable.
- Where a SOAMS or RO applicant is taking an EPQ alongside A Levels but is predicted to attain less than a grade in their EPQ, they will be required to have or be predicted ABB at A Level.

# 4. UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) Requirement

SOAMS and RO applicants are required to meet the same UKCAT threshold of 2470/3600 as all other applicants. SOAMS and RO applicants who meet the above requirements bypass stage 2 of our selection process and are guaranteed to be invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview. SOAMS and RO applicants are

not ranked on their UKCAT score. Please note that an invitation to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview does not guarantee an offer of a place.

As a result of widening participation initiatives, the Medical School has 20 places reserved for pupils who would not normally be considered for entry to Medicine.

# 5. Contact

If you would like more information on the scheme, please contact:

Rebecca Haire - Outreach Coordinator (SOAMS)

Tel: 0114 222 1021

Email: r.haire@sheffield.ac.uk

If you would like more information on the Realising Opportunities scheme, please contact:

Denise Brooks - Outreach and Widening Participation Officer (Partnerships)

Tel: 0114 222 1027

Email: ROSheffield@sheffield.ac.uk

# Bradford Foundation in Clinical Sciences/Medicine students (UCAS Code B991) or BSc Clinical Sciences (UCAS Code B990)

We will consider UCAS applications from Home/EU students from Widening Participation backgrounds who have taken the Foundation in Clinical Science/Medicine Course (UCAS Code B991) or Year 1 of the BSc Clinical Sciences (UCAS Code B990) at the University of Bradford for entry to Year 1 of our A100 MBChB programme. Applicants from these two courses should apply to us via UCAS once they have their end-of-year results, and no later than 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019. Interviews will be held 18th July 2019. Please note that we do not accept other Foundation or Access courses and we do not consider applicants in Year 1 from other degree programmes. We will not normally consider applications from students in Year 2 of the Bradford BSc Clinical Sciences course. Applicants are required to demonstrate that they meet all of the following widening participation, academic and UKCAT requirements:

#### Show all

## 1. Widening Participation Requirements

This route of entry to the A100 MBChB programme is **only** open to Home students from Widening Participation backgrounds. It is not open to Home students who are not from a Widening Participation background or to International applicants.

We will consider applicants to meet our widening participation criteria if they met **any two** or more of the following criteria at the point they left Further Education:

- Lived in an area with a low progression to higher education;
- Lived in a deprived area;
- Received free school meals in years 10-13;

- Received a 16-19 Bursary or similar grant;
- Was a young carer;
- Was estranged from their parents or legal guardians during their secondary/further education;
- Were the first in their family to enter higher education;
- Have parents who were unemployed or working in unskilled jobs;
- Have a disability.

We will determine whether applicants meet our widening participation entry requirements by sending them a simple form to complete, which includes definitions for the criteria set our above. You can find a copy of the form <u>here</u> for information. You may download the form and submit it to n.l.harrison@sheffield.ac.uk. Alternatively, we will send this to applicants to complete on receipt of their application. **Applicants will be required to return the form to us by** 7<sup>th</sup> **July 2019 at the latest**, and we will not be able to process the application if the completed form is not received. Applicants who receive offers will be required to provide supporting evidence at registration.

# 2. GCSE Requirements

Applicants for the A100 programme are required to have a grade C (grade 4) or above in Mathematics and English.

Please note:

- The relevant GCSEs should have been studied for no longer than two years;
- The GCSEs do not have to be obtained in the same sitting or year;
- We accept GCSE resits. GCSE resits should have been studied for not longer than two years and must be taken in one sitting. Only one resit per GCSE is permitted. Only those GCSEs that do not meet the above entry requirements need to be retaken;
- Non-GCSE qualifications (such as Level 2 OCR qualifications) are not considered as equivalent and do not count towards meeting the GCSE requirement. if you have not studied GCSEs, please contact the Medical Admissions Office for information about alternative acceptable qualifications and required levels of achievement.

### 3. A Level Requirement

A Levels are not considered for applicants applying from the University of Bradford Foundation in Clinical Sciences/Medicine (B991) or BSc Clinical Science (B990) Year 1.

# 4. Foundation in Clinical Science/Medicine or BSC Clinical Science Year 1 Requirements

Applicants are required to have attained an overall score of 70% in the University of Bradford Foundation in Clinical Science/Medicine programme, and to have scored at least 70% in the Chemistry for Clinical Sciences module (Module code CLS3003-B). Alternatively, we will consider applicants who have attained an overall score of 70% or more in their end-of-year one examinations in the University of Bradford BSc Clinical Sciences course.

Please note:

- Applicants must meet the above academic entry criteria at the point of application to be considered for interveiw;
- We will consider applicants who have taken resits to obtain the required scores, including applicants who have had to have one repeat year of either the Foundation in Clinical Science/Medicine programme or the BSc Programme;
- We do not accept any other Foundation courses or Access courses;
- We do not consider applicants from the first year of any other degree programme.

# 5. UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) Requirement

Applicants are required to meet the same UKCAT threshold of 2470/3600 as all other applicants. Applicants who meet the above requirements bypass stage 2 of our selection process and are guaranteed to be invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview. These interviews will be held in the Summer. Applicants from the Foundation in Clinical Science/Medicine programme are not ranked on their UKCAT score. Please note that an invitation to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview does not guarantee an offer of a place.

# Health requirements 2019 Entry

In accordance with national guidelines from the Department of Health for the protection of both patients and healthcare workers including students, all medical students are required to show that they are not infectious carriers of hepatitis B and that they have successfully completed a course of hepatitis B immunisation.

The immunisation process will be undertaken via the Sheffield Occupational Health Service once you have registered on the course. If you are then found to be positive for hepatitis B surface antigen, you will not be permitted to undertake exposure prone procedures (procedures where there is a risk that an injury to the worker may result in the exposure of the patient's open tissue to the blood of the worker) on the course (this limitation will also apply up to the point that your hepatitis B status is known) and there will be restrictions on your clinical practice as a qualified doctor.

The Medical School will accept as documentary proof an authenticated laboratory report showing either the presence of hepatitis B surface antibody, or if antibodies are not developed after a full course of immunisation, that you are negative for hepatitis infectivity. Health screening forms will be sent to applicants who have firmly accepted an offer of a place. It is not necessary for applicants to confirm their hepatitis B status prior to starting on the programme as this will be dealt with by the Sheffield Occupational Health Service.

The Medical School reserves the right to re-test any of its medical students for markers of hepatitis B virus infection. Screening tests will only be recognised from a United Kingdom accredited laboratory. A negative result from overseas laboratories will be checked when you arrive in Sheffield, and if you are then positive for hepatitis B surface antigen, the restrictions described in the second paragraph will apply.

You will also have to ask your GP to fill in a form documenting your immunisation history. The Medical School continually reviews the immunisation requirements and procedures for medical students, taking into account national guidance, and you will be required to comply with any such amendments if you are offered a provisional place.

Students who have serious health problems, or who know that they are infected with Hepatitis C or HIV, must disclose this on their UCAS form, as their course may need to be modified to accommodate Department of Health guidance on activities which they may or may not perform. All potential students with significant health problems will be individually assessed for suitability for the course.

It is imperative that all procedures outlined above are followed precisely to avoid prejudicing your entry to the course.

# **Disabled Students 2019 Entry**

There are two factors to bear in mind if you have a disability, and are considering studying medicine:

- 1. Your personal experience with disability can give you greater insight into the lives of many of your patients, and make you better equipped to assist them as a doctor. As a consequence, we welcome applications from disabled people.
- 2. Medical training covers every aspect of health care, and includes an arduous period as a Foundation Year Doctor. If your disability is such as to make it impossible for you to practice, we would be unable to accept you onto the course.

As a consequence and to ensure that effective support can be provided, applicants with a disability, applicants with serious health problems or applicants who know they are infected with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or HIV are advised to contact the Director of Undergraduate Medical Admissions before applying. If you have not had time to do this you must disclose your health details on your UCAS form.

If you are an undergraduate applicant and you have experienced issues of a personal, social or domestic nature that have affected either your post-16 studies, or any GCSE Qualifications that are cited in our course entry requirements, you can let us know by completing our Disrupted Studies form. You can find further information at the following link: <u>Disrupted Studies</u>

Each application will be considered individually.

The Director of Undergraduate Medical Admissions will suggest supporting health documentation that might demonstrate your suitability, and assist your application. Where a prognosis is not clear a committee will be convened to assess the situation more fully, and to ensure that the University is able to support you and enable you to complete your studies successfully.

#### **Contact Details**:

Director of Undergraduate Medical Admissions Medical Admissions Office - The University of Sheffield The Medical School Beech Hill Road Sheffield S10 2RX

Phone: 0114 222 5531/5533/34 Fax: 0114 222 5521

email: medadmissions@sheffield.ac.uk

# Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

All applicants for entry to Medicine are required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Admission to the course offered by the University of Sheffield Medical School is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) Section 4(2) (Exemption) Order 1975 and the Department of Health Circular HC (88)9 guidelines regarding child protection and police checks. Before being admitted on to this course, you will need to apply for 'an enhanced disclosure document' from the DBS.

Amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2013 mean that the University no longer requires applicants to declare **all** convictions or cautions because some are now classed as 'protected'. To clarify further:

A caution will be 'protected' and should not be disclosed if:

It was received when the applicant was under 18 and the caution is more than 2 years old.

### OR

It was received when the applicant was over 18 and the caution is more than 6 years old

#### UNLESS

It is for a listed offence such as violent/sexual offences (see link)

A conviction will be 'protected' and should not be disclosed if:

It was received when the applicant was under 18 and the conviction is more than 5 years and 6 months old

#### Or

It was received when the applicant was over 18 and the conviction is more than 11 years old

#### UNLESS

- It is for a listed offence such as violent/sexual offences (see link)
- A custodial sentence was imposed
- The applicant has other convictions (in which case all convictions must be disclosed)

Please follow the link on the right to the DBS Website which provides a full list of offences that will never be filtered from a criminal record (i.e. not protected regardless of time). Listed offences must always be declared as they include serious violent and sexual offences and other specified offences of relevance for posts concerned with safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Cautions and convictions received outside of the UK that meet the same criteria as above also do not need to be declared. Guidance is also available from the University by following the link on the right.

On the UCAS form, you must tell us about non-protected criminal convictions, including spent sentences, cautions (including verbal cautions), reprimands and bind over-orders.

# Offers

If you are made an offer of a place and you choose to firmly accept this offer, we will write to you a few weeks prior to the start of your course with details of how to arrange your DBS check.

# **Overseas applicants**

If you are living overseas and have never been a resident of the UK, any offer of a place will be subject to the equivalent of a DBS check, normally a satisfactory check from your local police station (sometimes referred to as a Certificate of Good Conduct).

If you have lived overseas for a period of 3 months or more since the age of 16 and are now resident in the UK you will be required to provide both a DBS check and an overseas equivalent.

If you have any queries regarding the DBS check, please contact the Medical Admissions Office on 0114 222 5534/5533/5531.

# MBChB Student Entry Agreement 2019 Entry

As a medical student and future doctor and member of the medical profession, you are expected to meet the General Medical Council standards laid out in *Achieving Good Medical Practice: guidance for medical students (May 2016).* You are expected to become familiar with the contents of this document and the related document: *Professional behaviour and fitness to practise: guidance for medical students and their students. (May 2016) from the very start of the course.* 

### These documents can be accessed via the GMC website:

### Achieving Good Medical Practice

### Professional behaviour and fitness to practice

Achieving Good Medical Practice explains the standards expected of you (**both inside and outside of the medical school**) in 4 domains:

- Domain 1: Knowledge, skills and performance
- Domain 2: Safety and quality
- Domain 3: Communication, partnership and teamwork
- Domain 4: Maintaining trust

As it is so important that you understand and accept the standards and requirements explained in *Achieving Good Medical Practice*, we require you confirm the following:

1. I have obtained copies of Achieving Good Medical Practice: guidance for medical students (May 2016) and Professional behaviour and fitness to practise: guidance for medical students and their students (May 2016).

In relation to the different sections in Achieving Good Medical Practice you are asked to confirm the following:

- 1. I will develop and maintain my professional performance (pages 8-11)
- 2. I will apply my knowledge and experience to practice (pages 11, 12)
- 3. I will be professional on my clinical placements (pages 12, 13)
- 4. I will follow the requirements concerning consent (pages 14, 15)
- 5. I will record my work clearly, accurately and legibly (pages 16, 17)
- 6. I will contribute to and comply with systems to protect patients (page 18)
- 7. I will respond to risks to safety (page 19)
- 8. I will follow guidance about raising concerns about patient safety or the behaviour, health or wellbeing of my colleagues or members of staff (pages 20-22)
- 9. I will protect patients and colleagues from any risk posed by my health (pages 24-26)
- I will inform the medical school and accept advice if I have or develop a health condition (pages 27, 28)
- 11. I will communicate effectively (pages 29, 30)
- 12. I will work collaboratively with colleagues to maintain or improve patient care (pages 30, 31)
- 13. I will contribute to the teaching, training, support and assessment of other students when opportunities arise (page 31)
- 14. I will contribute to the continuity and co-ordination of patient care, when circumstances call for this (page 32)
- 15. I will establish and maintain partnerships with patients (pages 32, 33)
- 16. I will maintain patient confidentiality (pages 33, 35)
- 17. I will follow the recommendations relating to the use of social media (pages 36, 37)

- 18. I understand when it may be appropriate for me to make a conscientious objection to my involvement in some aspects of treatment (pages 37, 38)
- 19. I will show respect for patients (page 39)
- 20. I will treat patients and colleagues fairly and without discrimination (pages 40, 41)
- 21. I will act with dignity and integrity (pages 42, 43)
- 22. I will be open and cooperate with any legal or disciplinary proceedings that involve me personally (pages 44, 46)
- 23. I understand and aim to avoid the areas of unprofessional behaviour that would be a cause for concern for the medical school and the General Medical Council (pages 47-53)

In order to continue on the course students must confirm and accept the following statements:

I accept the standards and requirements expected of me as a medical student as listed in statements 1-24 above.

I will inform the medical school if, at any stage of the course, I am no longer able to meet the standards and requirements listed in statements 1-24 above.

I understand that if the Medial School authorities discover that I have been untruthful in my application, it reserves the right to terminate the course of study.

# Fees and Bursaries - 2019 Entry

The MBChB programme is subject to tuition fees and there are a number of other costs that students may incur during the course of their studies.

# **Tuition Fees**

Details of tuition fees for UK and EU students can be found <u>here</u>. Details of tuition fees for Overseas Students can be found <u>here</u>.

### **Bursaries**

Details of bursaries available from the University of Sheffield can be found here.

For students on the A100 programme: At present, from Year 5 onwards course tuition fees are paid by the Department of Health for students within the EU. They may also award bursaries to British students who qualify. For students on the A101 programme: At present, students on 4-year graduate entry programmes eligible for an NHS bursary have some of their tuition costs met in years 2-4 on their programme and may be awarded NHS Bursaries from the second year of their studies onwards.

More information is available at: http://www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries/what-youll-get

Further enquiries regarding this should be addressed to:

NHS Student Bursaries Hesketh House 200-220 Broadway Fleetwood Lancashire FY7 8SS

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# 1. Fees and Funding A100 2018 Entry

The information below has been confirmed for September 2018 and is subject to change in future years.

### Years 1-4

Years 1-4 are funded by Student Finance. Eligible students can apply for a loan to cover the full cost of their tuition fees and a contribution towards their maintenance costs.

Further information about the support available can be found on the central funding webpages <u>www.sheffield.ac.uk/funding</u>.

Students will also be assessed for the University of Sheffield Bursary Scheme <u>www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance/fees</u>.

#### Years 5+

Year 5 onwards is funded by the Department of Health. They will pay the full cost of the tuition fees and give students a contribution towards their maintenance costs.

The Department of Heath gives all eligible students a non-means tested £1,000 grant and a means-tested NHS Bursary of up to £4,491 as a contribution towards maintenance costs. Students can also apply for a reduced Maintenance Loan of £2,324 (reduced to £1,811 in the final year) from Student Finance.

Further information about the support available from the Department of Health is available online: <u>http://www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries/what-youll-get</u>.

Students are not eligible to be assessed for the University of Sheffield Bursary Scheme during this year.

# 2. Fees and Funding A101 2018 Entry

The information below has been confirmed for September 2018 and is subject to change in future years.

#### Year 1

Tuition fees for 2018 entry are £9,250 per year. Students are expected to pay the first £3,465 themselves; eligible students will be able to apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance for the remaining amount.

Students will also be able to apply for a means-tested Maintenance Loan from Student Finance to contribute to their living costs.

Further information about the support available can be found on the central funding webpages <u>www.sheffield.ac.uk/funding</u>.

Eligible students will also be assessed for the University of Sheffield Bursary Scheme www.sheffield.ac.uk/undergraduate/finance/fees.

#### Years 2-4

Tuition fees are yet to be confirmed for academic year 2019-20. Based on fees being £9,250, the Department of Health pays £3,715 and eligible students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance for the remaining tuition fee balance.

The Department of Health gives all eligible students a non-means tested £1,000 grant and a means-tested NHS Bursary of up to £4,491 as a contribution towards living costs. Students can also apply for a reduced Maintenance Loan of £2,324 (reduced to £1,811 in the final year) from Student Finance.

Further information about the support available from the Department of Health is available online: <u>https://gov.uk/nhs-bursaries/what-youll-get</u>.

# Other Extra Costs Show all

### 1. Compulsory books/texts

Whilst the Medical School recommend a number of texts for each Phase of the MBChB programme, none of these are considered compulsory. Copies of textbooks are available in the Health Sciences Library.

# 2. Course packs

Course and module handbooks are provided (generally in electronic format) without additional charge. The anatomy dissection workbook and the histology workbook are provided in hard copy without additional charge.

## 3. Compulsory (non-residential) field trips

There are no compulsory non-residential field trips in the MBChB programme.

# 4. Compulsory (residential) field trips (including accommodation)

The MBChB programme includes a 6-week Student Selected Component in Phase 3a and a 7-week Elective placement in Phase 3b. Students may choose to undertake their periods of study in Sheffield, elsewhere in the UK, or elsewhere in the world (provided that the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office does not deem that place unsafe to travel to). The costs of visas, travel, accommodation, tuition fees, subsistence, criminal records checks (if required), personal insurance, private malpractice insurance and any vaccinations required are met by the student. These will vary depending on destination. There is no reduction in University of Sheffield tuition fees for Phases 3a and 3b.

The Medical School receives a variable sum of money every year towards assisting students with their Phase 3b elective placement. Since 2009, these bursaries have been competitively awarded on the basis of a written application. Awards of up to £700 are made, and approximately 60% of students applying for a bursary will receive some assistance with their financial arrangements.

### 5. Professional accreditation exams (if core requirement of the degree)

At the end of the MBChB programme, students who wish to practice medicine in the United Kingdom must provisionally register with the General Medical Council. The cost of provisional registration is currently £50, and is outside the control of the University. More information on General Medical Council fees can be found <u>here</u>.

### 6. Compulsory study aids

In Phase 1, students will require a white coat and a dissection kit to support their study of anatomy. (For students who do not wish to purchase a white coat, these can be borrowed for a fee - currently £1 per anatomy class.) Students will need to purchase a stethoscope. There are no other compulsory study aids for the MBChB programme.

### 7. Compulsory research project costs (approved by supervisor)

There are no compulsory research project costs associated with the MBChB degree programme.

### 8. Travel Costs for compulsory placements

There are clinical placements in all years of the MBChB programme. Approximately 50% of a student's clinical placements within the MBChB programme take place within the local region, including but not limited to Barnsley, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Grimsby, Hull and Rotherham. The cost of such travel varies depending on the distance travelled and the mode of transportation used.

During your MBChB degree programme, you will be expected to travel throughout the region for both hospital and General Practice placements. A contribution is made towards the cost of travel. A lump sum payment is made to all students at the beginning of each phase of the course, the amount reflects the number of weeks a student spends on placement during that phase. In addition, a contribution is made for travel to all GP practice placements.

# 9. Other compulsory costs associated with course requirements e.g. large scale printing, posters

There is no requirement for students to undertake large scale printing or to have posters printed professionally.

### 10. Later registration charge

Late registration incurs a charge. Details can be found here.

### 11. Other costs

There are no additional costs for first sitting examinations. Resit examinations do incur a charge.

The MBChB programme does not include a dissertation or thesis, therefore submission fees, continuation fees and resubmission fees are not applicable.

# Postgraduate Foundation Training and Beyond 2019 Entry

At the end of the undergraduate programme you will receive your MBChB degree, which is a primary medical qualification (PMQ). Holding a PMQ entitles you to provisional registration with the General Medical Council, subject only to its acceptance that there are no Fitness to Practise concerns that need consideration and payment of the required fee. Provisional registration is time limited to a maximum of three years and 30 days (1125 days in total). After this time period your provisional registration will normally expire.

Provisionally registered doctors can only practise in approved Foundation Year 1 posts: the law does not allow provisionally registered doctors to undertake any other type of work. To obtain a Foundation Year 1 post you will need to apply during the final year of your undergraduate programme through the UK Foundation Programme Office selection scheme, which allocates these posts to graduates on a competitive basis. All suitably qualified UK graduates have found a place on the Foundation Year 1 programme, but this cannot be guaranteed, for instance if there were to be an increased number of competitive applications.

Successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 programme is normally achieved within 12 months and is marked by the award of a Certificate of Experience. You will then be eligible to apply for full registration with the General Medical Council. You need full registration with a licence to practise for unsupervised medical practice in the NHS or private practice in the UK.

# Although this information is currently correct, students need to be aware that regulations in this area may change from time to time.

There is some discussion about whether to remove provisional registration for newly qualified doctors. If this happens the UK graduates will receive full registration as soon as they have successfully completed an MBBS (or equivalent) degree. It should be noted that it is very likely that UK graduates will still need to apply for a training programme similar to the current Foundation Programme and that places on this programme may not be guaranteed for every UK graduate.

The GMC has decided to introduce a Medical Licensing Assessment - the MLA - from 2022 to demonstrate that those who obtain registration with a licence to practise medicine in the UK meet a common threshold for safe practice. Applicants should be aware that to obtain registration with a licence to practise, medical students will need to pass both parts of the MLA, pass university finals and demonstrate their fitness to practise.

The MLA will be in two parts: there will be a knowledge test, which will be set and run by the GMC, and an assessment, delivered by medical schools, that will evaluate students' clinical and professional skills.

# Undergraduate courses: Frequently asked questions

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# 1. I applied to Sheffield Medical School but have not received an acknowledgement to say that you have received my application.

Providing that you have been issued with a UCAS number after submitting your application to UCAS rest assured that we will have received your application in the office. The University sends out central acknowledgments of receipt, if you have not received this, please contact the Applicant Information Desk.

# 2. I submitted my application to UCAS before the closing date but have still not heard the outcome of my application. When might I expect to hear?

We start processing applications once the application deadline has passed in mid-October. Applicants that are to be invited to interview will be notified directly by email between 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Applicants who are not going to be invited to interview will be notified via UCAS that their application has been unsuccessful in December 2018. Our selection process will run to the timetable shown on the page What Happens to your Applications.

# 3. Can I send you any additional information to go with my application form?

The Medical School will not normally consider additional information not included in the UCAS form when deciding which candidates to invite to attend Multiple Mini-Interviews. However, if you have any extenuating circumstances or health problems that we need to be aware of when assessing your application you may send additional information about this directly to us. We will then ensure that it is matched with your application. If you have extenuating circumstances or health problems that we need to be aware of, you are encouraged to submit a Disrupted Studies Form.

### 4. Do you score the UCAS Personal Statement?

We do not read or score UCAS Personal Statements as part of the selection process. However, the activities, interests and values that candidates express in their Personal Statements are commonly explored during the Multiple Mini-Interviews.

# 5. I want to take a gap year. What should I do during that year?

We do not specify exactly what you should do during your gap year except that you should do something constructive. This may not necessarily mean that you have to do something that is medically related but, for example, you may plan to work for a year to help finance you during your medical studies. You can find more information <u>here</u>.

## 6. What sort of work experience should I do?

We do not specify the exact sort of work experience you should do or how much work experience you should have because it depends on what is available where you live. It should however be something within a caring environment. Some applicants may have experience of shadowing hospital staff or GPs but if this is not available to you try doing some voluntary work in a local hospice or working with children with disabilities. We want to see what you have gained from your work experience - that you are able to communicate with people, have a caring nature and are able to work as part of a team. You can find more information <u>here</u>.

# 7. I just missed getting the necessary grades can I still apply?

Applicants who do not meet our minimum academic requirements are normally unsuccessful in our selection process. Application to Medicine is extremely competitive and most of the people who apply meet or exceed the minimum academic requirements. If you do not meet the A Level requirements, you may have to look at doing an alternate degree with a view to applying to Medicine after you graduate.

# 8. I took my Level 3 Extended Project Qualification whilst studying for my GCSEs. Will my EPQ count towards meeting the academic entry requirement?

No. In determining whether an applicant has met our academic entry requirements we only consider Level 3 Extended Projects that are taken alongside A Levels. We do not consider other qualifications.

# 9. Can I compensate for a low UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) score with a higher level of academic attainment?

No. Applicants must meet both the minimum academic and the minimum UKCAT entry requirements. You cannot compensate for a UKCAT score that is below the minimum accepted level with higher academic attainment, or vice versa. Applicants who meet the thresholds for academic performance and UKCAT performance are ranked on their UKCAT performance to determine who is invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview. The cut point at and above which an applicant's UKCAT score will be sufficient to merit an invitation to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview cannot be known until after the application deadline, as applicants are in competition with each other at this stage.

# 10. I have been exempted from the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) on geographic grounds. Can I apply?

Applicants who have been exempted from the UKCAT on geographical grounds will not normally be considered.

# 11. I have been exempted from the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) on medical/health grounds. Can I apply?

Applicants who have been exempted from the UKCAT on medical/health grounds or who have not been able to obtain sufficient reasonable adjustment for a disability from UKCAT should submit their UCAS application with a <u>Disrupted Studies</u> application. Where it is agreed that the applicant has experienced a significant disruption or that appropriate reasonable adjustments had not been made they will be invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview, provided that they meet the academic requirements. In the event that the Disrupted Studies are not accepted, the application will be deemed unsuccessful.

# 12. Are UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) scores adjusted if I have mitigating circumstances?

We normally make no adjustment to the UKCAT (or UKCATSEN, UKCATSEN, UKCATSENSA, UKCATSENSO) scores for applicants who have mitigating circumstances.

# 13. How was the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) minimum threshold determined?

We determine the UKCAT minimum threshold by considering the performance of test takers in previous years. Typically we set the minimum threshold at around the 40<sup>th</sup> centile. In 2016, the test was scored out of 2700. We have determined our minimum thresholds by considering the 40<sup>th</sup> centile scores in previous years.

Year	40 <sup>th</sup> Centile Score
2014	2450/3600
2015	2470/3600
2017	2480/3600

We have derived our threshold this year by taking the mean (average) of the 40<sup>th</sup> centile scores in 2014, 2015 and 2017 and rounding up to the nearest 10.

# 14. What evidence will I have to supply if I take the UKCATSEN, UKCATSENSA OR UKCATSEN50?

The UKCATSEN, UKCATSENSA and UKCATSEN50 are extended versions of the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) for applicants who have special educational needs. If you sit the UKCATSEN, UKCATSENSA or UKCATSEN50 you will be asked to provide us with evidence that you were eligible to sit this version of the test.

If you are currently in education, you will be asked to provide an official letter from your school, college or university stating that on the basis of a diagnosis from a qualified medical practitioner, educational psychologist or specialist teacher that you are currently entitled to additional time in public examinations (or that you have had additional time in public examinations in the last two years). If you are no longer in education you will be asked to provide a post-16 year's diagnosis or report from a qualified medical practitioner or educational psychologist that explicitly recommends additional time in public examinations.

Reports should not be authored by family members.

### 15. What happens if UKCAT annotates my results?

UKCAT will annotate a candidate's results if they have experienced a significant issue that may have affected their test performance but which does not warrant a resit (e.g. where small amounts of time have been lost from a particular subset). The annotation will be factual and will refer to specifics such as the amount of time lost and the subset affected. In the event that your UKCAT result is annotated, the Medical School Admissions Team will consider this annotation in the same way that it considers applications for Disrupted Studies.

# 16. I would like to come to Sheffield and have a look at the Medical School Can I arrange this?

Whilst we are unable to arrange individual visits there are a number of general University Open Days that allow you to have a look around the campus and there is a talk at the Medical School. Please click <u>here</u> for further information.

### 17. Do you accept transfers from other Medical Schools?

No. The University of Sheffield Medical School does not usually accept students wishing to transfer from a degree course at another institution. Applications will also not be considered from applicants who have failed to complete a medical degree at any university. For full details of our transfer policy, please click on the following link:

Transfer application Policy

# 18. Do you accept transfers from other degree programmes at the University of Sheffield?

No. The University of Sheffield Medical School does not usually accept students wishing to transfer from another degree course at the University of Sheffield.

# 19. I am in the first two years of a non-medical degree programme. Can I apply to study Medicine at the University of Sheffield?

No. We do not usually consider applications from people who are currently reading a degree but who have not yet reached their final year. We will be delighted to receive an application from you once you are in the final year of study for your current degree.

# 20.I have had an A Level certificated after one year of study. If I take it again the following year, does this count as a resit?

Yes. The Medical School considers an A Level taken after 2 years study to be a resit examination if the applicant has already completed that A Level and received a certificate after one year of study.

# 21. Do you accept applicants through UCAS Extra/Clearing?

No. The Medical School does not process applications through UCAS Extra/Clearing.

# 22.I have been invited to attend a Multiple Mini-Interview but am unable to attend on the date specified. What should I do?

Applicants are required to be available throughout the interview period. If you are unable to attend on the date requested you must contact the Medical Admissions Office as soon as possible. Interview spaces are limited. While we will attempt to reschedule the Multiple Mini-Interview this may not be possible and cannot be guaranteed. The Medical School is not able to offer Multiple Mini-Interviews outside of the interview period, and any applicant who is unable to attend during that period will have their application deemed unsuccessful.

# 23.My application to the University of Sheffield Medical School has been rejected. How can I obtain feedback?

If your application is rejected you may request feedback by contacting the Medical Admissions Office. We aim to answer such requests within three weeks.

# 24.My application to the University of Sheffield Medical School has been rejected. May I apply again next year?

Applicants who are unsuccessful are welcome to apply again next year if they wish. You should take steps to address any issues that resulted in your application being rejected.

# **Requesting More Information**

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