Applying to Oxford: A100
Undergraduate Medicine

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How does the application process work?
The Medical School draws up a short list using BMAT score, contextualized GCSE performance and other relevant information.

Shortlisted candidates are interviewed at two colleges and are assessed with reference to published selection criteria.

After interviews, colleges select their students, taking into account all the information available to them.
In 2018:
1742 applicants
425 interviewed
156 places

The course is very popular!
We have many more appropriately qualified applicants than places
3 A levels
to include Chemistry + Biology/Maths/Physics

Standard offer: A*AA
achieved at one sitting

No preference for 3 sciences or specific subject combinations

Alternative qualifications? http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study
Selection criteria

academic potential:
• problem-solving
• intellectual curiosity
• compatibility with small-group teaching

personal characteristics:
• empathy
• motivation
• communication
• honesty and integrity
• ethical awareness
• ability to work with others
• capacity for sustained and intense work
• alignment with the values of the NHS
UCAS form
academic record (GCSE, AS, A2 prediction, EPQ, etc.)

personal statement

reference

BMAT

interviews
• Explain your interest in the course
• Describe what you have done to learn/prepare
• Summarise your extra-curricular activities, and explain how they relate to the selection criteria
• Provide other relevant information, e.g. gap year, illness
• Be honest: don’t manufacture interests
• Don’t copy a ‘model’ statement from elsewhere
All applicants must sit the BMAT

Three elements:
60-minute test of aptitude and skills
30-minute test of scientific knowledge and applications
30-minute writing task
No specific preparation is necessary for BMAT beyond GCSE-level science and mathematics, and familiarising yourself with the test format.

Registration deadline: 1 October 2019

Test date: 30 October 2019 (only)

www.bmat.org.uk
We use the proportion and number of GCSEs obtained at A* or 8/9 as our measure of GCSE strength.

If you have GCSE grades, we assess them in relation to the ‘average’ student at your school.

We weight sections 1-3 of BMAT 40:40:20.

There is no set BMAT score or number of A* or 8/9 passes required to obtain an interview.
• Short-listed applicants are interviewed by two colleges: the college of choice / allocation, and one other college
• Interviewers will not be aware of your college preference or BMAT score
• Interview candidates will be in Oxford for ~26 hours
• Last year 44% of our successful applicants were made an offer by a college other than the one to which they applied
Interviews will address the selection criteria.
A common pattern is to receive two panel interviews at each college.
The interviewers will be a mixture of clinicians and scientists.
The personal statement often shapes the interview.
• Colleges rank all candidates interviewed on the basis of the UCAS information and interview
• Tutors then receive BMAT scores, and the rankings from the other interviewing college
• Colleges re-rank and select those candidates to whom they wish to make offers
• The college of application has first choice of any applicant
Medicine: overall success rate by school type (UK applicants)

2016-18 three-year average
Want to find out more?
Questions?

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