

MEDICINE (A100) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD:

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. CHECK ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

As well as fulfilling the academic entry requirements:

<http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/requirements/academic>

all candidates are required to sit the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT):

<http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/requirements/bmat>

in November of the year of application (more information at www.atsts.org.uk).

Candidates should also read our statement on health & fitness to practise medicine:

<http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/requirements/fitness>

2. ATTEND AN OPEN DAY

We strongly recommend that you attend an open day at the Medical Sciences Teaching Centre:

<http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/open-days>

You do not need to book, just turn up on the day! Staff and students will be at the open day to answer all your questions.

3. THINK ABOUT COSTS & FUNDING

How much will it cost? Information on University fees, college fees (not payable by those eligible for UK Government support) and general living costs can be found on the student funding website:

www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding

What's my fee status? It is extremely important that candidates are clear on their fee status prior to submitting an application to the Medical School. Do consult the advice posted by the UK Council for International Student Affairs (see www.ukcisa.org.uk), which provides a checklist covering information that we may ask you for when deciding on your status.

Any candidate unsure of their status should check the University's statement on determining status for fees purposes: www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/fees/information/feestatus/

and/or

write to the Fees Clerk (Student Funding Office, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JD, email: fees.clerk@admin.ox.ac.uk) with full details of their circumstances.

Are there any scholarships? We regret that there are few, if any, scholarships available for Medicine in Oxford due to the nature and duration of the course and the costs involved. For more information about student finance matters, and to undertake a full funding search, please see: www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding

The following website may also be of interest: www.scholarship-search.org.uk

Your local branch of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies might be able to advise you on finding scholarships, or looking for more affordable medical courses, perhaps in your own country.

Their website is: www.ifrc.org

UK students are strongly advised to read through the Oxford Opportunity Bursaries website to find out more concerning the bursaries, which benefit a large number of students at the University each year:

www.ox.ac.uk/feesandfunding/prospectiveugrad/university/oob/

4. REGISTER FOR THE BMAT

All candidates for Medicine at Oxford must register for and sit the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT).

UK candidates are able to sit the BMAT in their own school or college - and should contact their examinations' officer to register for the test. Candidates outside the UK should identify the open test centre closest to them; there are test centres worldwide, and a list is available at www.atsts.org.uk.

Candidates can register for the BMAT from 1 September; the standard entry closing date is usually 5pm on 30 September, and there is a late entry closing date, 5pm on 15 October. Please note that if you register after 30 September you will incur a large penalty fee.

The BMAT is sat everywhere in the world on the first Wednesday in November every year.

5. CHOOSE A COLLEGE

Look at our page on colleges: <http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/applying/colleges>

and the University guidance on colleges: www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses/colleges/

You can choose a college if you want to, BUT you do not have to! You can in fact submit an open application to the University. Around 20% of applicants to Oxford choose to do this. In any case, you can be assured that our admissions process strives to admit the best candidates irrespective of choice of college on the UCAS form. All colleges are strong academically, and your course (lectures, practicals, seminars, etc) will be the same regardless of the college you are a member of.

6. SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THROUGH UCAS

The deadline for submission of UCAS applications is 15 October every year (see www.ucas.ac.uk). Applications submitted to UCAS past the 15 October deadline cannot be considered by the Medical School.

Please ensure that you give your complete qualifications history, and not just details of the qualifications you might be currently working towards (i.e. provide full information on your GCSEs or GCSE-equivalent qualifications).

When writing your personal statement, think about our selection criteria:

<http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/requirements/criteria>

and read our advice on personal statements:

- Writing your personal statement:
<http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/applying/ps>
- Anatomy of a personal statement:
<http://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/applying/anatomy-of-ps>

Do allow sufficient time for your referee to complete his/her section.