

Admission to the MBChB Medicine degree programme

Will I be interviewed?

- most school leaving applicants are not interviewed provided there is a clear and detailed reference
- our selectors may however recommend interview when they wish to add to or clarify the application
- overseas applicants are not interviewed
- all graduate and mature applicants who have been short-listed will be interviewed before a decision is made

Is there a 'going rate' which guarantees that I will receive an offer?

- it is not possible to quote the academic grades which will guarantee an offer since
 - more than 85% of eligible applicants have straight As qualifications
 - equal weighting is given to both academic and non-academic criteria in the selection process
 - you are competing against the qualities and qualifications of the other applicants

Do you accept Key Skills?

- Whilst wishing to be generally supportive of A level Key Skills the Medical School will neither require nor give additional credit for such qualifications.

What is my chance of an offer?

- we can make an offer to 1 out of every 4 eligible applicants from the UK or EU
- offers are most likely to go to those who have both **strong** academic and **strong** non-academic qualifications and qualities

Do I need to gain work experience?

- work experience or shadowing prior to application is expected as evidence of 'career exploration'
- work experience is not a qualification but rather a chance to find out whether you really like to work with people
- some potential applicants undertake work experience, find that they don't enjoy it and seek a different career !
- you are strongly encouraged to gain either some form of work experience whether that be by working with people, for example, those who are ill, disabled or disadvantaged, or shadowing a doctor at work
- the Medical School recognises that not all applicants have the same opportunities to gain such experience

Other than my examination results what criteria are used in selection?

- we are interested in a broad range of qualities that may help to indicate your suitability to a career in medicine
- your score in the UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) will also be considered as part of the selection process

Does it matter which other medical schools I apply to?

- we do not know which other medical schools you have applied to

Will you make me an offer if I am holding an offer elsewhere?

- yes, we do not know the decisions made by other universities

non academic qualities

- applicant statement
- reference
- (interview)

personal qualities

- empathy
- interpersonal relationships
- ability to communicate

career exploration

- understanding of medicine
- work experience & shadowing

non academic achievement

- social involvement
- school responsibilities
- leadership
- organisational abilities
- cultural & sporting activities & achievements
- interests & hobbies

When will I hear your decision?

- a number of offers will be made to those with very high selection scores before late March
- many applications will be 'held' until all eligible applications have been reviewed
- our final offer decisions may not be made until late March

Since I can only apply to 4 medical schools should I use the other 2 applications for non-medical choices?

- yes, definitely – given the level of competition for places at all UK Medical Schools having 2 'insurance' non-medical choices makes good sense
- having 2 'insurance' non-medical choices will not be interpreted as either ambivalence or lack of commitment. The 'insurance' course choices will not prejudice your application to this Medical School

background of applicants

UK/EU

- 2500
 - 2300 school leavers
 - 200 graduate and mature students

OVERSEAS

- 500
 - 450 school leavers
 - 50 graduate and mature students

What are your views on deferred entry?

- we are happy to receive applications for deferred entry from school leavers
- we do not accept applications for deferred entry from graduate, mature and overseas applicants
- you are strongly encouraged to spend your year out (or at least most of it) in a manner which will be to your educational benefit
- you must tell us how you are going to spend your 'year out' in your UCAS personal statement
- applications for deferred places are not subject to any special selection criteria
- we do not have a quota or limit for deferred places

background of applicants

UK & EU

- 35% Scotland
- 45% England & Wales
- 10% Northern Ireland
- 10% rest EU

- 60% female: 40% male
- 60% state school: 40% independent

Who else is applying to Edinburgh ?

Edinburgh attracts a broad range of applicants from a broad range of educational backgrounds from the UK and the rest of the European Union for the 'home fee' places and from about 65 countries for the 'overseas fee' places.

Further Information

- full information about entry to the five- and six-year MBChB degree programmes is given on pages 143 to 146 and also pages 36 to 37 of the Undergraduate Prospectus for Entry in 2007
- the University of Edinburgh Prospectus is also available online in full at www.ed.ac.uk
- the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine also has a website giving further information on the course and facilities at www.mvm.ed.ac.uk/studying
- you can contact the undergraduate medicine admissions office by email to medug@ed.ac.uk or writing or telephoning:

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