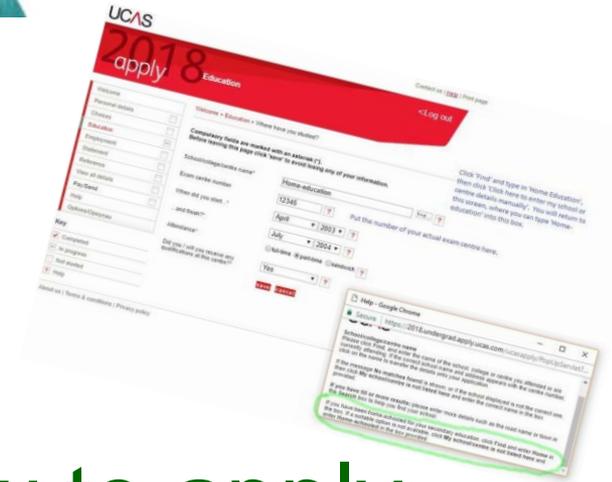




GRADUATING EXCELLENT CLINICIANS



# Medicine

## How to prepare and how to apply

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# How many medical students are selected?

## Keele 2019

- approx 1,600 applicants
- 154 places (home and EU/EEA) plus 10 international places
- approx 10 applications/place

## Keele 2020

- same number of home places
- EU students continue to have home status for 2020 entry
  - no guarantee beyond this
- situation regarding international students after 2019 unclear



## Routes of entry

- A100 standard entry (5 years)
  - For students with appropriate academic qualifications (A-level/equivalent or degree)
- A104 health foundation year for medicine (6 years including foundation year)
  - Gateway route for some under-represented groups **only**, with a lower academic entry requirement than A100 (see later slides)

## HOW TO APPLY

Keele University School of Medicine is committed to graduating excellent clinicians. The admissions process is designed to select students with abilities and characteristics that indicate their potential to become excellent doctors.

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- Admissions overview +
- Summary of 2019 entry criteria +
- (A100) 5-Year MBChB - 2019 entry +
- (A104) 6-Year Programme with Health Foundation Year - 2019 entry +



# Academic requirements – A100

## GCSE

- Minimum of five at grade A/7
- Minimum of grade B/6 in:
  - maths
  - English language
  - double/triple-award science or combined science/trilogyor
  - physics + chemistry + biology

## A-level

- Standard offer: three A level subjects at grades A\*AA
- Three A-levels **must** be achieved within 2 years of study
  - students in third year of A-level study are ineligible unless required grades already achieved and additional subject(s) being studied



# Academic requirements – A100

## A-level subject requirements

- Chemistry or biology plus a second science (physics, chemistry, biology, maths, statistics)
- Third academic A-level (list of excluded applied modular A-level subjects is available on our web pages)
- Some subject combinations are barred:
  - maths and further maths or statistics
  - biology and human biology (pre-2017)



# Academic requirements – A104

## 2020 Entry

### GCSE

- Minimum of grade C/5\* in:
  - maths
  - English language
- Minimum of 5 B/6s

### A-level or equivalent

- Most level-3 qualifications (A-level, BTEC extended diploma, etc.) at BBB, distinction/merit or equivalent

\* In Northern Ireland from 2019 C/5 will become C\*

#### Essential criteria

- Ordinarily resident in the UK
- Attended a non-selective maintained school for GSCEs
- Attended a school with an attainment 8 score below national average (level set on an annual basis)

Plus any one of the following\*:

- i. Parent(s) or guardian in receipt of means-tested benefit(s)
- ii. Time spent in local authority care (more than three months) within the last 5 years (school years 9-13).
- iii. Eligibility for free school meals at any point in years 9–13
- iv. Receipt of 16–19 bursary for purpose other than meals
- v. Receipt of UKCAT bursary



# Graduates

- Graduates may apply for A100
  - must achieve minimum of upper second-class honours (2i) in any subject
  - must have English language, maths and sciences at GCSE grade B/6 or equivalent (e.g. international qualification if appropriate)
  - **there are NO exceptions to these rules**
  - must have minimum of BBB at A-level, including chemistry/biology plus a second science and third academic subject
  - if A-level requirements are not met, must take GAMSAT and meet requirements stated on our web pages



# International applicants

Applicants who have international student fees status

- these students enter a separate competition
- the roles & responsibilities form is not required (see later slides)
- students must take **BMAT** in the year of application (i.e. September/November 2019 for 2020 entry)
- applications will be ranked for interview on BMAT score

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## The BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT)

For test-takers

**About BMAT**

The BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) gives you the chance to stand out from the crowd and show your potential to succeed on medical and health-related courses. It tests your ability to apply scientific and mathematical knowledge, as well as problem-solving, critical thinking and written communication skills that are essential to university-level study.

On this website you'll find everything you need to feel informed, supported and prepared to take the test.

Find out more about each test session

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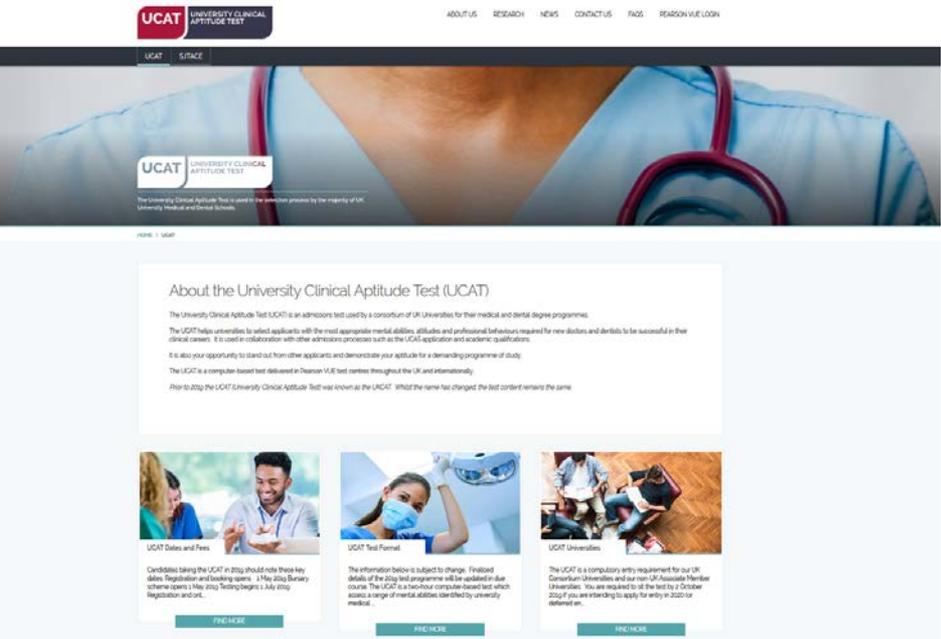
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<https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/>



# Home applicants – UCAT

- All home applicants (including EU/EEA/Switzerland for 2020 entry) must take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) in the year of application
- Bottom 20% (below 2,280 for 2019 entry) or SJT band 4 not considered further
- Scores are also used in borderline decisions
- Practice tests are available at [www.ucat.ac.uk](http://www.ucat.ac.uk)
- Bursaries are available



The screenshot shows the UCAT website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for ABOUT US, RESEARCH, NEWS, CONTACT US, PAGES, and REASON VIDEOS. Below the navigation is a large banner image of a person in a blue lab coat with a stethoscope. The UCAT logo and 'UNIVERSITY CLINICAL APTITUDE TEST' are visible in the top left and middle left of the banner. Below the banner, the page title is 'About the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)'. The main content area contains a paragraph explaining that the UCAT is an admissions test used by a consortium of UK Universities for their medical and dental degree programmes. It also mentions that the UCAT is used in collaboration with other admissions processes such as the UCAS application and academic qualifications. Below the text, there are three columns of content, each with a small image and a heading: 'UCAT Dates and Fees', 'UCAT Test Format', and 'UCAT Universities'. Each column has a 'FIND MORE' button at the bottom.



# How to apply

- All applications must be submitted through UCAS by 15<sup>th</sup> October
- You may apply for up to four medicine (or dentistry or veterinary medicine) courses and one additional non-medicine course
- No order of preference
- We do not know where else you have applied
- We will not consider any supplementary information unless we have explicitly requested it

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Welcome Gordon,  
Your Personal ID is: **146**

Please make a note of this number and keep it handy. You will need to quote this number if you call our Customer Contact Centre.

**Need guidance?** Watch the video advice below [\[show video\]](#)

Before starting your application, please read through the relevant information below regarding:

- [completing your application](#)
- [applicants applying through a school, college or organisation](#)
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Applying through a school, college or organisation  
Once you have entered your application details, and marked each section as complete, you can send your application to your referee. They will add the reference and send the complete application to UCAS on your behalf. It is your responsibility to ensure that your school sends your application to us by the relevant deadline.

The application fee for this service is £25 for more than one choice or £20 for a single choice. Your school, college or organisation will let you know how to pay. It will be either by credit or debit card online, or by paying your school or other registered centre who will then pay us.

You will not be able to send your application to your referee until all the relevant sections have been marked as complete.



# Getting an interview

We select home students for interview on the basis of

- roles and responsibilities (skills & characteristics)
- widening participation (overcoming disadvantage)
- The roles & responsibilities (R+R) form gives you an opportunity to make a case for selection
- Your case must be based on **evidence** that you possess the required skills and characteristics
- DO show us how you have demonstrated these qualities
- DON'T box-tick, name-drop, use jargon or tell us what to think



# Roles & Responsibilities Form

Specific criteria for assessment are:

- Commitment to relevant experience, community/charity work, caring/supportive roles, etc.
- The level of personal engagement required to undertake the roles (e.g. “helping” nurses in a care home will score less than assisting patients to eat their meals)
- The level of responsibility undertaken (position of trust, leadership role, organisational ability) beyond what would typically be expected at your age
- The impact you had in any role on others
- Exceptional achievements (over and above expectations for your situation)



# Reference

The reference from your school/college should tell us:

- any difficulties you have experienced or extenuating circumstances
- any difficulties the school has experienced during your time there (e.g. special measures, high staff turnover)
- what roles and responsibilities you have taken on
- we do not look at predicted A-level grades



# Multiple mini-interviews

Keele uses values-based-recruitment referenced to the values of the NHS Constitution

For 2020 we will use 10 interviewers and the interviews will consist of: 9 multiple mini-interviews of 5 minutes each plus a 30-minute numeracy test of 20 questions ([See online video](#))

The following attributes are assessed:

- verbal/non-verbal communication
- recognition of factors affecting communication
- clarity of motivation for a medical career
- reflection on experiences
- awareness & understanding of ethical, legal & professional issues related to medicine
- ability to balance commitments
- empathy & caring disposition
- understanding of what a medical career will involve
- ability to undertake simple but relevant data handling

Interviews mainly held between December and March



# Post-offer requirements

## Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS)

- You will be required to indicate on your UCAS application if you have convictions relevant to a course exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974
  - the process changed slightly for 2019 applications: please check with UCAS
  - you will have to submit a DBS declaration if you are invited for interview
- It is in your interest to declare any criminal record before interview
  - also any prior professional disciplinary or safeguarding investigations (these must be declared to the GMC at registration)
  - this information will **not** be shared with your interviewers
  - it allows us to arrange a separate meeting with you on the day of your interview



# Post-offer requirements

## Occupational health screen

- You must be declared fit for study and for hospital/ community-based placements
- There are strict vaccination requirements
- You must have the required vaccinations to be able to complete the course