

## MSC Summer Schools

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the programme the students must be:

- In, or been in local authority care<sup>1</sup>

Or hold a minimum of two of the following:

- Studying in a school that achieved below the national average Attainment 8 score at GCSE or had attended to the age of 16
- From a school with a high percentage of students receiving free school meals.
- Living in a geographical area with low levels of progression onto higher education<sup>2</sup>
- Are a young carer<sup>3</sup>
- From a family where the parents do not have a university degree from the UK or abroad
- In receipt of or eligible for free school meals or the 16-19 Bursary Fund or Discretionary Learner Support or Means Tested Benefit
- Be estranged from parents or guardians and/or be an asylum seeker or refugee

To determine the school that achieved below the national average we could use either:

- 20.5% for A/7 achievement in 2018.
- 66.9% for C/4 grade or above in 2018.

We could introduce broader bands as part of the weighting.

To determine a school with a high percentage of free school meals we could use 13.3%, with a broader banding at a different weighting.

The specification also expected participants on the programme to have:

- the potential to study medicine and be capable of achieving the minimum grades required for entry (whether that is for standard entry programmes or programmes with a gateway year)
- an interest in STEM subjects and be considering studying science in their post-16 studies and medicine post-18
- are supported to appreciate the expected values and behaviours of applicants seeking to become a doctor

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<sup>1</sup> Experience of local authority care is defined as being looked after by a local authority, foster parents/other family members, at home with their parents under the supervision of social services, in a residential children's home or in another residential setting such as school or secure unit, or someone who has experienced a period of three months in the care of the local authority within the last ten years.

<sup>2</sup> This is available at [www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/](http://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/). For POLAR students from quintile 1 and 2 will automatically meet this criterion..

<sup>3</sup> Young carers are defined as under the age of 18 who help look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol. There is no time limit on the amount of care they provide for their dependents, this is just above and beyond what is normally expected.