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##### **1. Introduction**

The University will provide equality of opportunity and treatment to all, regardless of a person's gender identity/expression (this includes Transgender and Non-Binary people); pregnancy or maternity status; marital or civil partnership status; whether or not they have dependants (including caring responsibilities); religious belief or political opinion; race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origins, including Irish Travellers); disability; sexual orientation and age. However, potential applicants should be aware that under the Medical Act, the minimum age for inclusion on the GMC Medical Register on graduation is 21. This means that it is not possible to admit students on to the five-year programme under the age of 16.

The detail on entry requirements and selection criteria is complex but we hope it is useful and a summary is provided in Appendix 1.

##### **2. Administration of Undergraduate Admissions**

All applications must be submitted through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) by 6.00pm on 15 October 2025.

Applications are handled by the Academic Lead for Admission to Medicine in the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences in conjunction with the Admissions and Access Service and the School Office. The Academic Lead for Admission has final responsibility for decisions on Medical applications. These can only be made on the basis of the information given and applicants must show due care and diligence when completing their applications. In particular, full details must be included about qualifications completed or still to be completed.

Applications are received from UCAS by the Admissions and Access Service and assessed for the Academic Lead for Admission. Any additional information required is obtained and recommendations are made regarding decisions (unsuccessful or interview), where possible. After the interviews are completed and following approval by the Academic Lead for Admission all decisions are transmitted to UCAS by the Admissions and Access Service. Requests for feedback are also handled by the Admissions and Access Service.

In August, the processing of results and the transmission of final decisions to UCAS are again undertaken by the Admissions and Access Service. The Admissions and Access Service, along with the University's Recruitment Officers are largely responsible for recruitment activities, and is the first point of contact for most schools/colleges and candidates. There is very close working relationship between these Offices and the School Office.

### 3. Admission Criteria

#### 3.1 The Selection Process

In “Outcomes for Graduates” the General Medical Council requires Medical Schools to:

- Publish information about the admission system, including guidance about the selection process and the basis on which places at the school will be offered.
- Use Selection criteria which will take account of the personal and academic qualities needed in a doctor as set out in *Achieving Good medical practice* (<https://www.gmc-uk.org/ethical-guidance/ethical-guidance-for-doctors/good-medical-practice>) and capacity to achieve the outcomes set out in *Outcomes for Graduates* (<https://www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/standards-and-outcomes/outcomes-for-graduates/outcomes-for-graduates>).
- Use selection processes which are valid, reliable and objective.

The selection process for Medicine involves two stages:

##### Stage 1: Cognitive Ability

Consideration of previous academic performance, including school, college and university grades as appropriate.

Aptitude testing using the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT), see 3.3 below.

##### Stage 2: Non-Cognitive Ability / Personal Attributes

This will comprise multi-mini interviews carefully designed to objectively evaluate non-cognitive ability / personal attributes.

All applicants will be scored at Stage 1 of the selection process and ranked on the basis of their combined academic and UCAT score. From this, candidates will be selected for interview (Stage 2) and a final decision about whether or not to make an offer (conditional or unconditional) or unsuccessful will be based solely on interview performance.

#### 3.2 Interviews

The interviews take the form of Multi Mini Interviews which are designed to test key non-cognitive competencies for Medicine:

- Empathy
- Problem-solving
- Moral Reasoning
- Communication Skills



## Home Fee applicants

Please note if you are assigned as a Home applicant (or likely to be classified as a Home applicant by 1 September in year of entry) for tuition fees purposes (includes those living outside the UK/ROI) you will be **required** to attend for interview in Belfast for one of the 236 places available for Home students.

The MMI will consist of nine stations. Candidates will be informed of the number of stations and format of the interview day later in the application process.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/mdbs/Study/Medicine/HowtoApply/MMIs/>

For 2026 entry, the University is currently engaged in discussions with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to consider the continuation of the agreement for medicine places funded by the Irish Government. An update will be provided upon finalisation of this process. Applicants will apply for the standard medicine degree programme at Queen's and the same selection process will apply. Further information regarding eligibility is available on our [website](#).

## International Fee applicants

Interviews will be online for applicants to the 36 international places.

Please note if you are assigned as an international applicant for tuition fees purposes you will be required to complete an online interview.

The online MMI will consist of 7 stations. Candidates will be informed of the format of the interview day later in the application process.

Further information is available at:

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/mdbs/Study/Medicine/HowtoApply/MMIs/>

Entry to Medicine is highly competitive and the scores at interview are used to create a rank order. Offers are made to the applicants who rank highest after interview. While some offers may be made following the early rounds of interviews, the final ranking cannot be done until all interviews are complete and in view of the work involved after this, it is anticipated that the majority of decisions will be released at the end of March with final decisions due by late April.

Should places be available in August/September, this rank order will also be the primary factor in considering candidates who have satisfied the minimum academic criteria being accepted for admissions in August and who are not holding an offer with any other Medical School through UCAS.

**Please note that it is assumed that if an applicant presents for interview that they are fit to undertake the assessment. If unwell on the day, a request should**

**be made for an alternative appointment and this will be accommodated, if at all possible.**

Retrospective adjustment for interview performance cannot be made. Any extenuating circumstances that may affect an applicant's performance at interview must be stated when booking the interview. Any aspects of the interviews that an applicant feels may have not been fairly or properly applied must be brought to the attention of the Admissions Group on the day of interviews and not retrospectively.

### 3.3 UCAT

The University Clinical Aptitude Test is required for admissions to Medicine and must be taken during the summer prior to completion of the UCAS application. Full details of how to apply are provided on the UCAT website ([www.ucat.ac.uk](http://www.ucat.ac.uk)). Please note the website includes information on the bursary scheme (<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/register/bursary-scheme>) and details of access arrangements (<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/register/access-arrangements>) and guidance for applicants on what if they are ill on the day of their scheduled test.

For all candidates UCAT will be scored using the overall results. From 2026 entry onwards this overall score includes the score on the three sections ( verbal reasoning, decision making and quantitative reasoning). The section on abstract reasoning has been removed. Candidates can obtain a maximum of nine additional points based on the decile rank they achieve based on the results published by UCAT in the 2026 UCAS application cycle. Preliminary deciles are published on the UCAT website in mid September and the final statistics are available on UCAT after the testing date. Final mean, centiles and deciles are published after testing ends. (<https://www.ucat.ac.uk/results/ucat-results/>)

Banding of UCAT scores per centile recorded by UCAT for 2025 application cycle for entry in 2026	Points awarded as part of pre interview score for 2026 entry
≤10 <sup>th</sup> percentile	0
>10 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤20 <sup>th</sup> centile	1
>20 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤30 <sup>th</sup> centile	2
>30 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤40 <sup>th</sup> centile	3
>40 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤50 <sup>th</sup> centile	4
>50 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤60 <sup>th</sup> centile	5
>60 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤70 <sup>th</sup> centile	6
>70 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤80 <sup>th</sup> centile	7
>80 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤90 <sup>th</sup> centile	8
>90 <sup>th</sup> centile to ≤100 <sup>th</sup> centile	9

For all candidates UCAT is therefore taken into account at Stage 1 of the selection process.

Note: The University reviews the weighting of UCAT in the selection process on an annual basis and the points awarded above are subject to change. The points outlined above will be used for 2026 entry.

The UCAT Situational Judgement Test (SJT) can be used at two points to inform decisions:

1. On borderline applicants who have achieved a similar combined academic and UCAT score.
2. On borderline applicants who have achieved a similar score at interview.

UCAT is compulsory for all applicants to Medicine at QUB. The University will only grant exemptions in very exceptional circumstances and where appropriate supporting evidence is provided. Applicants who believe they qualify for an exemption should contact: [UCAT-exemption@qub.ac.uk](mailto:UCAT-exemption@qub.ac.uk)

### **Guidance on exemptions and reasonable adjustments:**

Illness or Personal Circumstances	<p>The UCAT Fitness to Test Policy states that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates who attend their test are declaring that they are fit to test.</li> <li>• Candidates experiencing illness/injury or personal circumstances that might adversely affect their performance on the day, should not sit the test. This applies even if they fall ill or experience issues on the day of their test.</li> <li>• Candidates unable to declare themselves fit to test, must contact the UCAT Office for advice and support before sitting their test.</li> <li>• If a candidate chooses to sit their test against this advice, UCAT will not normally take any action.</li> </ul> <p>Information regarding the Fitness to Test Policy: Full Policy: <a href="https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-us/policies/">https://www.ucat.ac.uk/about-us/policies/</a> Advice for candidates: <a href="https://www.ucat.ac.uk/sit/fitness-to-test/">https://www.ucat.ac.uk/sit/fitness-to-test/</a></p> <p>Below is a list of circumstances that may affect fitness to test declarations. This list is not exhaustive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidate illness or injury at or near the time of testing.</li> <li>• Flare-up or significant worsening of a candidate's existing disability or medical condition (i.e. difficulties over and above those related to any previously approved access arrangements) at or near the time of testing.</li> <li>• Death of a member of the candidate's immediate family (parent/carers, spouse, sibling or child), usually within 6 months of the latest test date.</li> <li>• Death of a member of the candidate's extended family (grandparent, aunt/uncle, cousin) or close friend, usually within 2 months of the latest test date.</li> <li>• A member of the candidate's immediate family (parent/carers, spouse, sibling or child) or extended family (grandparent, aunt/uncle, cousin) is affected by a significant illness at or near the time of testing. This would normally involve a recent</li> </ul>
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	<p>diagnosis of a life-threatening illness or the family member being towards the end stage of a terminal illness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serious crisis/incident leading to distress at or near the time of testing.</li> <li>• Safeguarding concerns at or near the time of testing.</li> </ul> <p><i>Circumstances which are foreseeable or preventable are not considered.</i></p> <p>Withdrawal of a Fitness to Test Declaration</p> <p>If a candidate has sat their test, UCAT will not normally take any action.</p> <p>On occasion, UCAT may allow a candidate to withdraw a fitness to test declaration after testing if they experienced exceptional mitigating circumstances very close to their test where their judgement was impaired, and they were unable to make a rational decision about whether they were well enough to test.</p> <p>Below is a list of circumstances that UCAT consider exceptional mitigating circumstances for the purposes of this policy. This list is not exhaustive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a candidate receives a notification about a significant bereavement immediately before their test it could reasonably be considered to result in a temporary lack of capacity to determine if they should take the test or not.</li> <li>• If a candidate experiences a mental health crisis such as a psychotic episode that leads to them lacking the capacity to make decisions in their best interest.</li> <li>• A candidate witnesses or is involved in a serious or fatal accident immediately before their test which seriously impacts on their capacity to make decisions.</li> <li>• The candidate takes a new type of medication on the morning of the test, and they do not immediately recognise that the side effects have had an impact on their cognitive function.</li> <li>• The candidate is a victim of a crime, such as theft and assault, immediately before their test and this has a severe impact on their mental state.</li> </ul>
Geographical Circumstances	<p>Candidates may be eligible to sit the <a href="#">OnVUE online proctored test</a> if they live, work or are studying in a country where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is no test centre.</li> <li>• the nearest test centre is a significant distance or travel time away.</li> <li>• travel to a test centre is difficult because of pandemic, war, civil unrest or natural disaster.</li> </ul> <p>Pearson VUE cannot deliver online proctored exams to candidates with a registered address in China (including Macau), Cuba, Iran, North Korea, the province of Quebec (Canada), Sudan, Syria, Russia, Belarus and the Donetsk, Luhansk, Sevastopol, and Crimea regions of Ukraine.</p> <p>Candidates may not have the correct equipment or a stable internet connection to be able to test online.</p> <p>UCAT will consider the candidate's situation and advise on testing options.</p>

	If online proctored testing is not possible due to their circumstances, they will be advised to contact their chosen Universities (with supporting evidence) for advice about their application.
Candidates Requiring Adjustments to the Test	UCAT will also consider requests for access arrangements: <a href="https://www.ucat.ac.uk/register/access-arrangements">https://www.ucat.ac.uk/register/access-arrangements</a> All requests for extra test time and/or rest breaks must be approved by the UCAT Office before an extended test can be booked.

The number of points required to be shortlisted for interview varies from year to year, depending on competition and number of interview places available and cannot be predicted in advance. The numbers interviewed increased after 2016 and have remained similar since.

Year	Points Threshold for interview
2015	38 points (plus some students with 37 points)
2016	37 points (or 36 points plus ABBB at AS-level)
2017	34 points and above
2018	30 points and above
2019*	32 points and above
2020*	30 points and above
2021*	32 points and above
2022*	37 points and above
2023*	38 points and above
2024*	38 points and above or 37 points and SJT bands 1 and 2
2025*	30 points and above

\*Please note from 2019 grades B and C were scored for the first time and the threshold is not therefore directly comparable with previous years.

The pre interview score is calculated as a combined score based on the UCAT result and academic background. In past years a maximum of 36 points was available for the academic background and 6 points for the UCAT result (maximum of 42 points). Please be aware that the UCAT scoring must change for 2026 entry due to changes occurring in the UCAT itself. Hence the pre interview score will be out of a maximum of 45 points (36 points for academic background and 9 points for the UCAT result) for 2026 entry (and not 42 points as previously recorded). See section 3.7 and section 3.3 as explanations as to how the UCAT result and GCSE results are used to calculate this pre interview score.

### 3.4 Personal Statement and References:

Personal Statements are not scored as part of the selection process. Whilst the layout of the personal statement on the UCAs application is changing, from 2026 entry onwards, our advice to candidates as to how the personal statement will be used by QUB medical school remains the same. The following is general guidance on what is expected:

- i) candidates are expected to state explicitly that Medicine is their career choice. (Please note that an applicant cannot be considered for both Medicine and Dentistry). There should be evidence of commitment and motivation in the



personal statement. This should include evidence of what the candidate has done to find out about Medicine as a career. This can be demonstrated in a number of ways including: opportunities for observational experience in a clinical setting, attending medical careers conferences, or undertaking voluntary work in a care setting. Participation in activities within or outside School demonstrating transferable skills such as leadership, empathy, teamwork and communication skills is also important information for you to include.

- ii) satisfactory support from the academic referee, particularly relating to the applicant's character, suitability for the course, communication skills and initiative.
- iii) UCAS uses software to detect plagiarism in personal statements. In instances where there is significant similarity both the university and the applicant are advised. For Medicine, where a high level of integrity and trust is required, the Admissions and Access Service will write to the applicant (assuming that the application is likely to be given serious consideration on the basis of academic and other criteria). This letter will advise that a similarity detection warning has been received and will include a copy of the University's Policy on Procedures for Handling Similarity Detection Warnings. The applicant will be requested to provide a written explanation. When received, this will be forwarded to the Academic Lead for Admissions for consideration.

You may find the Medical School Council information on preparing a personal statement helpful:

<https://www.medschools.ac.uk/media/2766/personal-statement.pdf>

### **3.5 Work Experience**

It is accepted that it can be difficult for candidates to have equal access to clinical work experience and therefore it is not specified as a requirement for admission. Obtaining work experience continues to be difficult for some applicants. Applicants are encouraged to read the guidance given by the Medical Schools Council (MSC) on possible options including online experiences:

General information on work experience is also available at the Medical Schools Council link below:

<https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/how-to-apply-to-medical-school-in-the-uk/work-experience>

### **3.6 Subject Requirements:**

#### **A-levels and AS-level Subject Requirements**

Three A-levels are required to include A-Level Chemistry plus at least one other A-Level from Biology/Human Biology, Physics and Mathematics. If Biology/Human Biology is not offered at A-level, it is required at AS-level. A-level Mathematics and A-level Further Mathematics cannot be counted together but one may be counted at A-level and the other at AS-level. A maximum of one Applied subject at either A-level or AS-level (not both) will be counted.

General Studies is not acceptable at either AS or A-level and Critical Thinking will only be taken into account at AS-level. If a candidate's third A-level is a language subject other than English/Irish of which they are a home or native speaker, then this will not be accepted in satisfying the entrance requirements for admission to Medicine.

### GCSE Subject Requirements

A minimum of a grade C/4 in GCSE Mathematics, English and Physics (or grades CC/44 in GCSE Double Award Science) are required if not offered at AS-Level or A-level.

**Alternative qualifications**, deemed equivalent by the Medical School, will be acceptable in fulfilment of the subject requirements. Please contact the Admissions and Access Service for advice on acceptable alternatives ([admissions.med@qub.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.med@qub.ac.uk)).

## 3.7 School leavers Completing A-Levels for the First Time in 2026

When decisions are being made both GCSE and UCAT performance (see 3.3 above) will be taken into account. GCSEs will be scored using a points system as shown below. The total points score will be based on results in the best nine subjects, at first attempt unless the GCSE was taken a year early and then repeated at the normal stage. Only GCSEs taken in Years 11 and 12 will be counted (Years 10 and 11 in England and Wales).

### Scoring of Full GCSEs

Alphabetic Grading	Numeric Grading	Points
A*	9	4
A	7 and 8	3
B	6	2
C and C*	4 and 5	1

### Scoring of GCSE Short Courses

Alphabetic Grading	Numeric Grading	Points
A*	9	2
A	7 and 8	1.5
B	6	1
C and C*	4 and 5	0.5

A maximum of one BTEC/OCR Level 2 qualification will be considered equivalent to one or two GCSEs as appropriate, and taken into account. A decision as to how many points to award will be dependent on performance in individual units, as well as the overall result(s).

The UCAT score will then be added to the GCSE score to give an overall points total.

The UCAT Situational Judgement Test (SJT) can be used at two points to inform decisions (see 3.3 above)

**For 2026 entry the normal target grades will be:**

AAA at A-level + A in a 4th AS-level subject including A-level Chemistry plus at least one other A-level from Biology/Human Biology, Mathematics or Physics. If not offered at A-level then Biology/Human Biology grade A as a 4th AS-level or grade B as a 5th AS-level.

NB: Grade A in the EPQ or Advanced Diploma in the Welsh Baccalaureate or a grade B in a 4th A-level will be acceptable in lieu of the 4th AS-level. Please note this will not replace the requirement to have at least AS-level Biology.

OR

A\*AA at A-level including Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology.

OR

A\*AA at A-level including Chemistry and either Mathematics or Physics + AS-level Biology/Human Biology grade B.

Module repeats within the normal two year period between GCSE and A-level do not place applicants at any disadvantage. An A-level taken a year early would also be counted, but not those taken prior to this ie only AS/A-levels taken in Years 13 and 14 (Years 12 and 13 in England and Wales) will contribute towards satisfying the normal entrance requirements. All three A-levels must normally be completed within two years of completion of GCSEs.

**Widening Participation Initiatives and Contextualized Admissions**

The Medical School has a number of programmes in place to widen participation in medicine for candidates from N Ireland.

**(i) For those who completed their GCSEs in a Secondary School with a Northern Ireland BT postcode**

Applicants who have been educated at a Secondary School in Northern Ireland to at least Year 12 will be shortlisted on the basis of AS-level grades (rather than GCSE performance) plus UCAT results and predicted A-level performance. This results in more students from this academic background progressing through to the interview stage.

You can check if your School qualifies for consideration under these arrangements at:

<http://apps.education-ni.gov.uk/appinstitutes/default.aspx>

**(ii) Pathway Opportunity Programme - School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences pathway**

The School is participating in the University's Pathway Opportunity Programme. Throughout Years 13 and 14, students accepted onto the School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences pathway will benefit from a structured series of events designed to prepare them for the transition to undergraduate study at Queen's, including insight into academic and

extracurricular aspects of student life, admissions guidance and support and a one-week residential summer school. Students will complete assessed work and those who are successful will receive a guaranteed interview and a possible offer of one A Level grade below the normal target. Specific details of the eligibility criteria used for selection for this pathway are on the Pathway Opportunity Programme website. This programme is only open to applicants with a BT postcode and attending a school within Northern Ireland.

Full details are on the website:

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/wpu/Post16Programmes/PathwayOpportunityProgramme/>

**(iii) Pathway Opportunity Programme (POP) – other pathways**

Applicants who have successfully completed any other POP programme at Queen's University and are academically eligible will receive a guaranteed interview. The normal entry requirements will apply.

Full details are on the website:

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/wpu/Post16Programmes/PathwayOpportunityProgramme/>

The GMC requires the School to monitor the performance of students admitted through a Widening Participation stream.

### **3.8 Repeat Candidates (Please also refer to 3.10 and 3.18 below)**

Due to the competition for places the number of offers made to students resitting A-levels has to be restricted. Normally only those who had applied to study Medicine at Queen's at the first attempt and held an offer (if made) as their Conditional Firm (CF) choice are considered. In addition, to having applied for Medicine at Queen's in their first sitting of A-level, they must have achieved A\*AB/AAA at A-level or AAB at A-level plus A in a fourth AS-level at first attempt (ie. two years post GCSE). The offer for repeat candidates is currently either A\*AA or AAA at A-level plus A in a fourth AS-level. Only two attempts at A-levels are allowed.

For repeat candidates at Stage One, 36 points will be allocated for meeting the A/AS-level grades required to qualify for consideration and points then awarded according to performance in UCAT (as indicated above in Section 3.3) to give an overall score for short listing purposes. UCAT must be retaken as it is only valid for one application cycle.

### **3.9 Applicants who have already Satisfied Academic Requirements (Please also refer to 3.10 and 3.18 below)**

Applications from candidates who have already achieved the normal academic requirements in their second level examinations in Years 13 and 14 (Years 12 and 13 in England and Wales), for example AAA at A-level plus A in a fourth AS and are applying for Medicine for a second time, will only be considered if they included Queen's as one of their Medical choices first time round ie evidence of commitment

to the University is important from the outset. Such candidates who have satisfied the subject requirements, will be awarded 36 points at Stage One. Points will then be awarded according to performance in UCAT (as indicated above in Section 3.3) to give an overall score for shortlisting purposes. UCAT must be retaken as it is only valid for one application cycle.

Applications from candidates who have already achieved the normal academic requirements in their second level examinations in Years 13 and 14 (Years 12 and 13 in England and Wales) (as above) will also be considered if they have never applied through UCAS for medicine before and are therefore applying to this subject for the first time because of a change in career plans. UCAT must be also be taken.

### **3.10 Starting an Alternative Degree Course**

Applicants who had initially applied for Medicine and who are either repeating A-levels or who have already achieved the relevant A and AS-level qualifications, are strongly advised not to commence an alternative degree course. If they have done so, then applicants will be required to complete the year in full and to pass all examinations at first attempt with a weighted average mark of 60% (UK 2:1 standard or an acceptable equivalent as deemed by Queen's University) by July of the appropriate application cycle.

In addition, applicants who had not previously applied for Medicine and who have already achieved relevant A and AS-level qualifications, are strongly advised not to commence an alternative degree course. If they have done so, then applicants will be required to complete the year in full and to pass all examinations at first attempt with a weighted average mark of 60% (UK 2:1 standard or an acceptable equivalent as deemed by Queen's University) by July of the appropriate application cycle.

### **3.11 Mature Non-Graduate Entry**

Applications from candidates who have had a significant break in study or did not have the opportunity to enter higher education at the normal time are welcomed. Applications from such candidates are considered individually on their merits taking into account academic background, work experience and UCAT scores in shortlisting for interview. Where offers are made, the normal A and AS-level requirements apply and applicants must also have the appropriate background in the relevant subjects at GCSE, AS and A-level to fulfil the course requirements.

Access Course qualifications are not acceptable.

### **3.12 Graduate Applicants (Please also refer to 3.18 below)**

Graduates and those applying in the final year of their degree, are considered for the normal five-year programme. In making decisions on graduate applications, the full academic background is taken into account. Applicants must have achieved, or have the potential to achieve, at least an Upper Second Class Honours classification in their first undergraduate degree and ABB at A-level/H2 H3 H3 H3 H3 H3/A2 B2 B2 B2 B2 B2 at Higher Level in the Leaving Certificate/ABBBB in Scottish Highers at the first attempt (candidates who have taken Advanced Highers must also have a minimum grade B at first attempt in any subject taken).



In the case of candidates with a First Class Honours degree or a PhD (plus an Upper Second Class Honours degree), a minimum of BBB at A-level or equivalent in other qualifications at first attempt will be acceptable.

Grades may be averaged but the minimum grade that can be accepted is a grade C with grade B the lowest grade acceptable for Chemistry.

Applicants applying for a second time for entry as a graduate will only be considered if they included Queen's as one of their Medical choices when making their first application as a graduate. This includes any attempt made during the final year of their primary degree programme.

Candidates must also have a relevant science background at GCSE, AS and A-level or acceptable equivalent. This must include A-Level Chemistry and at least one other A-level from Biology, Mathematics and Physics. If not offered at A-Level then AS-level Biology Grade B (or acceptable equivalent) and GCSE Physics Grade C/4 or GCSE Double Award Science Grades CC/44 and GCSE Mathematics Grade C/4 are required.

For graduates (and those applying in the final year of their degree), at Stage One, 36 points are currently allocated for meeting the criteria required to qualify for consideration and points then awarded according to performance in UCAT (as indicated above in Section 3.3) to give an overall score for short listing purposes.

Applicants from a non-science background but who fulfil the conditions in terms of grades at A-level at the first attempt and degree performance will be considered if they undertake the appropriate Science qualifications on completion of their primary degree. Such applicants are advised to contact the Admissions and Access Service for guidance.

Criteria for admission of graduates are currently under review for 2027 entry. This is likely to relate to points awarded for academic and/or UCAT performance and will not include changes to A-Level grade or subject requirements where a longer period of notice would be required.

### **3.13 School Leavers Completing Irish Leaving Certificate for the First Time in 2026**

When considering applicants Junior Certificate and UCAT performance (see 3.3 above) are important and these are scored. Please note that performance in the best nine Junior Certificate subjects will be counted.

Junior Certificate Grade	New Grading System	Points Awarded
A	Distinction	4
B	Higher Merit	3
C	Merit	1

Where offers are made these are conditional on obtaining H1 H1 (Biology and Chemistry) H1 H1 H2 H2 at Higher Level in the Leaving Certificate. Grades 03 in English and Mathematics at Ordinary Level are required if not offered at Higher Level.

A suitable background in Physics is also necessary and if not taken in the Leaving Certificate, a Grade A/Higher Merit in Junior Certificate Science is acceptable in lieu.

If you are thinking of applying as a repeat applicant you should contact the Admissions and Access Service ([admissions.med@qub.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.med@qub.ac.uk)) for guidance.

### 3.14 School Leavers Completing Scottish Advanced Highers for the First Time in 2026

When short listing applicants for interview, previous academic performance and UCAT are important (see 3.3 above) and will be scored. Applicants with a minimum of ABBBB in Scottish Highers are given serious consideration.

Scottish Highers (Grades achieved at first attempt)	Points
ABBBB	28
AABBB	30
AAABB	32
AAAAB	34
AAAAA	36

Where conditional offers are made, the standard specified in Advanced Highers is also dependent on performance in Scottish Highers and are AA (for those with AAAAA in Highers); AAB (for those with AAAAB in Highers) and AAA (for those with ABBBB-AAABB in Highers). In all cases, Advanced Higher Chemistry (Grade A) plus a grade A in at least one other Advanced Higher from Biology, Mathematics and Physics are required. Three Advanced Highers are necessary unless applicants achieved five A grades in their Highers.

If not taken as an Advanced Higher then Higher Biology minimum grade B is required. In addition, Standard Grade, Intermediate 2 or National 5 English, Mathematics and Physics are also necessary if not offered at Higher/Advanced Higher.

If you are thinking of applying as a repeat applicant you should contact the Admissions and Access Service ([admissions.med@qub.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.med@qub.ac.uk)) for guidance.

### 3.15 International Applicants

The University has a quota of 36 Medical places for International students, namely students who do not fulfil both of the criteria (below) required to qualify as a Home student for fees:

- You must be 'settled' in the UK on the first day of the first academic year of the course. To be 'settled' you must either have the Right of Abode or Indefinite Leave to Enter or Remain in the UK; or be a British or Irish citizen. EU/EEA/Swiss nationals (and their relevant family members) who have been granted settled or pre-settled status in the UK under the EU Settlement Scheme, may also qualify depending on the individual's circumstances; and
- You must have been ordinarily resident in the UK/EEA/Switzerland/Gibraltar for the three years prior to the first day of the first academic year of the course, for

purposes other than receiving full time education. For courses starting between 1 August and 31 December, the first day of the academic year is defined as 1 September.

Where offers are made to International students, the requirements are currently:

AAA at A-level including Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology.

OR

AAB at A-level + A in a 4th AS-level subject including A-level Chemistry grade A plus one other A-level at grade A from Biology/Human Biology, Mathematics or Physics. If not offered at A-level then Biology/Human Biology grade A as a 4th AS-level or grade B as a 5th AS-level.

NB: Grade A in the EPQ or a grade B in a 4th A-level will be acceptable in lieu of the 4th AS-level.

The normal subject requirements apply. In the case of the International Baccalaureate Diploma, an overall score of 36 points is required with 6,6,6 to include Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level. A range of other qualifications including Canadian or Australian High School Diplomas and the HKDSE are also accepted. Please see Appendix 2: Qualifications Table - International for further information. Candidates should consult the University's website for further information or contact the Admissions & Access Service ([international.medicine@qub.ac.uk](mailto:international.medicine@qub.ac.uk)) for advice as required or refer to the following information provide on our website: <https://www.qub.ac.uk/Study/international-students/your-country/>

International applications are not scored, as outlined above for United Kingdom and ROI applicants, since a number of factors are taken into account when shortlisting for interview. Previous academic background and UCAT scores are important.

The overall UCAT score and/or Situational Judgement Test (SJT) may be used additionally at two points to inform decisions:

1. On borderline applicants who have achieved a similar combined academic and UCAT score.
2. On borderline applicants who have achieved a similar score at interview.

All applicants are also expected to have appropriate evidence of proficiency in English Language (see Appendix 1). Where applicants have not previously taken any formal examinations (eg either GCSEs or O-levels) they will be considered on the basis of High School reports and this information will also be used to assess whether or not they are able to fulfil subject requirements eg GCSE Physics or equivalent.

If you are assigned as an international applicant for tuition fees purposes you will be required to complete the on-line interview.

If an applicant is made an offer in one tuition fee status and their subsequent fee status changes this may lead to the applicant's offer having to be withdrawn due to the fixed number of places in each tuition fee category.

### **3.16 Transfer from other Medical Schools**

Due to the intense competition for places to study Medicine, and the integrated nature of the course structure, QUB Medical School will not consider applicants who wish to transfer from a medical degree at another university.

### **3.17 Applicants who have previously withdrawn from Medicine**

Applicants who previously commenced a Medical Degree at any University and have chosen to withdraw or have failed exams or been asked to withdraw from the course for any reason will not be considered.

In the interests of patient and public safety, the University may check information provided in your application form with the database maintained by the Medical Schools Council in relation to medical students who have been excluded through Fitness to Practise procedures. The database is accessible only to other medical schools in the UK and the General Medical Council.

### **3.18 Number of Attempts (Applications) Permitted**

In view of the competition for places, it is the policy of the Medical School to restrict the number of attempts a candidate can make to gain admission to Medicine. A maximum of four attempts (ie applications in four different UCAS admissions cycles) overall are permitted (including applications made to other Medical Schools) with not more than two at either A-level (or equivalent) or at graduate level. Please also see 3.8, 3.9 and 3.12 above regarding the need to demonstrate commitment to Queen's.

## **4. Professional Nature of the Course**

Selection for medicine implies selection for the profession. A degree in medicine confirms academic achievement and in normal circumstances entitles the new graduate to apply to the General Medical Council for provisional registration and to start practicing. Fitness to practise issues must therefore be considered when selecting students. The medical course is subject to the University's Fitness to Practise regulations and the GMC's guidelines. In the event of a student being deemed unfit to practice by the Medical School certain information will be shared with the GMC, the Medical Schools Council and other Medical Schools in the interests of patient and public safety.

### **4.1 Conduct**

The practice of medicine requires the highest standards of professional and personal conduct. Candidates are therefore required to declare criminal offences and other related matters including cautions (where these are not deemed "protected" see guidance on Access NI website, link below). Entry to medicine will be conditional on the receipt of satisfactory criminal records check(s). International applicants are also required to produce appropriate evidence eg a Certificate of Good Conduct before

admission to the degree. <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/information-disclosed-in-a-criminal-record-check#toc-3>

Students entering the medical course will also be expected to sign a Student Agreement and Self Declaration Form every year which places an emphasis on the continuing need for professional behaviour and standards to be maintained. If a positive police check is received or declared during the admission process the School will decide whether there are fitness to practise concerns and if necessary refer the case to the University's Admissions Review Panel (see appendix 2). Entry to the course may be refused. During the course the University's Fitness to Practise regulations will apply.

## 5. Health Issues

### Disability

Issues relating to health are dealt with separately from the formal admissions process and decision making bodies such as interview panels will not be aware that the applicant has declared a health condition.

A disability or mental health condition need not bar a candidate from becoming a doctor provided that they are able to meet the outcomes set out in *Outcomes for Graduates*. Candidates should contact the School in advance of completing their UCAS application to obtain advice.

Applicants should declare any condition that they have at the point of application because:

- a. Medical schools have a duty to support their students but students themselves have to help the school to do this by being open and honest about their health.
- b. Being open and trustworthy is an important part of being a doctor. Patients and the GMC will expect this of practising doctors. Failure by a doctor on the medical register to disclose a health matter is a breach of this duty.
- c. A student's insight into the impact that their health may have on their ability to study is very important. Where a student has insight, and shows this by seeking appropriate help and support, their health condition rarely prevents them from completing the course. One way to demonstrate insight right from the start is to declare at the point of entry whether you will require additional support.

The Occupational Health Service of the University will be able to advise the medical school whether the student is able to meet the outcomes set out in *Outcomes for Graduates* and what adjustments the student might require.

If the candidate meets the normal academic criteria for admission to the course but there are concerns over issues relating to health, a special advisory committee separate from the normal admission process will be convened. This Committee will take advice from the University's Occupational Health Service before reaching a decision.



Both the GMC document 'Welcomed and Valued' (<https://www.gmc-uk.org/education/standards-guidance-and-curricula/guidance/welcomed-and-valued>) and the Medical School Council (<https://www.medschools.ac.uk/studying-medicine/outreach-and-support/applicants-with-disabilities>) are helpful sources of information.

## Health Assessment

The Department of Health has issued guidance on Health Clearance for Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV for healthcare workers including students and the University must ensure that students comply with the guidance given in order to protect patients.

Medical students will have the following testing offered to them when they enrol. If they refuse testing or test positive at that time or at any time during the course they may be restricted in their clinical activities but should still be able to complete their undergraduate training.

Disease	Test
TB	Evidence of satisfactory BCG vaccination or Mantoux test result
Hepatitis B	HBsAg
Hepatitis C	Hep C
HIV	HIV 1 & 2

## 6. Registration with the General Medical Council and Beyond

At the end of the satisfactory completion of the undergraduate programme you will receive your degree. The General Medical Council (GMC) approves your university's degree as a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ). This is important because, provided there are no concerns about your fitness to practise, a PMQ entitles you to provisional registration with the GMC for a licence to practise medicine in the UK.

The GMC has introduced a Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA). The MLA seeks to assure the public, and medical profession, that anyone obtaining registration with a licence to practise medicine in the UK has met a common threshold for safe practice. To obtain a PMQ, graduates from 2025 onwards will need to have a degree that includes a pass in both parts of the MLA. One part will be a test of applied knowledge (the AKT), set in conjunction with the GMC and held at your medical school. QUB students will take the AKT at the beginning of their final year. The other will be an assessment of your clinical and professional skills delivered by the medical school (the CPSA). Each school's CPSA must meet GMC-set quality assurance requirements. The MLA will test what doctors are likely to encounter in early practice and what's essential for safe practice.

It intentionally will not cover the whole of a medical school curriculum. So, you will also need to meet your university's degree requirements. You can find out more about the MLA for UK students at [www.gmc-uk.org/mla](http://www.gmc-uk.org/mla).

Provisional registration is time limited to a maximum of three years and 30 days (1125 days in total). After this time period your provisional registration will normally expire.

Provisionally registered doctors can only practise in approved Foundation Year One posts: the law does not allow provisionally registered doctors to undertake any other type of work. To obtain a Foundation Year One post you will need to apply during the final year of your undergraduate programme through the UK Foundation Programme Office selection scheme, which allocates these posts to graduates on a competitive basis. All suitably qualified UK graduates have found a place on the Foundation Year One programme, but this cannot be guaranteed, for instance if there were to be an increased number of competitive applications from non-UK graduates. Successful completion of the Foundation Year One programme is normally achieved within 12 months and is marked by the award of a Certificate of Experience. You will then be eligible to apply for full registration with the General Medical Council. You need full registration with a licence to practise for unsupervised medical practice in the NHS or private practice in the UK.

There is some discussion about whether to remove provisional registration for newly qualified doctors.

If this happens then UK graduates will receive full registration as soon as they have successfully completed an MBBS (or equivalent) degree. It should be noted that it is very likely that UK graduates will still need to apply for a training programme similar to the current Foundation Programme and that places on this programme may not be guaranteed for every UK graduate.

Although this information is currently correct, students need to be aware that regulations in this area may change from time to time.

## Qualifications Table – United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland Candidates – School qualifications

Qualification	Scoring for Academic Ranking (Stage One)	A ranked list will be created after interview. Offers where made, will be on the following basis:	Any additional information or subject requirements
A and AS-levels For those completing A-levels for the first time in 2026	<p>GCSEs will be scored over the best nine subjects:</p> <p>Alphabetic grading:  A* grade = 4 points  A grade = 3 points  B grade = 2 points  C and C* grades = 1 point</p> <p>Numeric grading:  9 grade = 4 points  7 and 8 grades = 3 points  6 grade = 2 points  4 and 5 grades = 1 point</p> <p>GCSE Short courses = half of the points indicated above.</p> <p>A maximum of one BTEC/OCR Level 2 qualification will be considered equivalent to one or two GCSEs as appropriate. Points awarded will be dependent on performance in individual units as well as overall result.</p>	<p>AAA at A-level + A in a 4th AS-level subject including A-level Chemistry plus at least one other A-level from Biology/Human Biology, Mathematics or Physics. If not offered at A-level then Biology/Human Biology grade A as a 4th AS-level or grade B as a 5th AS-level. Grade A in the EPQ or Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate or a grade B in a 4th A-level will be acceptable in lieu of the 4th AS-level.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>A*AA at A-level including Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology.</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>A*AA at A-level including Chemistry and either Mathematics or Physics + AS-level Biology/Human Biology grade B.</p>	<p>If not offered at A-level then Biology/Human Biology Grade A as a 4<sup>th</sup> AS-level or Grade B as a 5<sup>th</sup> AS-level required.</p> <p>GCSE grade C/4 in Mathematics, English and Physics (or grades CC/44 in Double Award Science) will be required if not offered at a higher level.</p> <p>Only GCSEs taken in Years 11 or 12 will be counted (Years 10 and 11 in England and Wales).</p> <p>Only AS/A-levels taken in Years 13 or 14 will be counted (Years 12 and 13 in England and Wales).</p> <p>All three A-levels must normally be completed within two years of completion of GCSEs.</p> <p>Only two attempts at application for entry to Medicine through UCAS will be accepted on the basis of A/AS-level qualifications. Please note that certain conditions apply if it is a second application (see below).</p>

Qualification	Scoring for Academic Ranking (Stage One)	A ranked list will be created after interview. Offers where made, will be on the following basis:	Any additional information or subject requirements
Post A-level – those who have already satisfied our normal requirements	Those who have already completed their A-levels in appropriate subjects and achieved the normal A-level target grades for admission at first attempt (see above).  36 points will be awarded.	Unconditional if all subjects and grades achieved and have not commenced an alternative degree.  For applicants who commence an alternative degree please see Section 3.10	If applied for medicine through UCAS previously must have included Medicine at Queen's as one of the choices first time round.  Only two attempts permitted on the basis of A/AS-level qualifications. This includes applications to other Medical Schools.
Post A-level who are undertaking additional qualifications to satisfy subject requirements	Those who have achieved the appropriate grades at first attempt but are taking an additional A/AS-level(s) or GCSE(s) in order to meet the subject requirements.  Please seek advice from Admissions and Access Service since performance in the other subjects at the first attempt is important.  36 points will be awarded.	Conditional on achieving at least a grade A in relevant subject if an additional A-level is required to meet the subject requirements.  Conditional on achieving at least a grade C/4 in relevant subject if a GCSE is required to meet the subject requirements.	If applied for medicine through UCAS previously must have included Medicine at Queen's as one of the choices first time round.  Only two attempts permitted on the basis of A/AS-level qualifications. This includes applications to other Medical Schools.
Resitting A-levels	AAB at A-level + A at AS-level achieved at first attempt. <b>OR</b> A*AB/AAA at A-level AS-level achieved at first attempt.  36 points will be awarded.	A*/A grade in whichever A-level or AS-level is required.	Must have applied to QUB for medicine at first attempt and if made an offer must have accepted as Conditional Firm (CF) choice.  Please seek advice from Admissions and Access Service since performance in the other subjects at the first attempt is important.

Qualification	Scoring for Academic Ranking (Stage One)	A ranked list will be created after interview. Offers where made, will be on the following basis:	Any additional information or subject requirements
Irish Leaving Certificate (being completed for the first time in 2026)	<p>Junior Certificate – best 9 subjects:</p> <p>Alphabetic grading: A grade = 4 points B grade = 3 points C grade = 1 point</p> <p>Or for the new grading system: Distinction = 4 points Higher Merit = 3 points Merit = 1 point</p>	H1 H1 (Biology and Chemistry) H1 H1 H2 H2 at higher level in Leaving Certificate.	<p>Grades O3 in English and Mathematics at ordinary level are required if not offered at higher level.</p> <p>Must have Physics background – Junior Certificate Science grade A/Higher Merit if Physics if not taken as part of Leaving Certificate.</p> <p>Only two attempts at application for entry to Medicine through UCAS will be accepted on the basis of Leaving Certificate qualifications. Please note that certain conditions apply if it is a second attempt.</p> <p>Please seek advice from Admissions and Access Service if repeating Leaving Certificate since performance in the other subjects at the first attempt is important.</p>
Scottish qualifications (for those completing Scottish Advanced Highers for the first time in 2026)	<p>A minimum of ABBBBB in Scottish Highers at the first attempt is required.</p> <p>Applicants will be scored as follows</p> <p>ABBBBB = 28 points AABBB = 30 points AAABB = 32 points AAAAB = 34 points AAAAA = 36 points</p>	<p>Advanced Highers:</p> <p>AA (for those with AAAAA at Highers)</p> <p>All other candidates need three Advanced Highers:</p> <p>AAB (for those with AAAAB in Highers)</p> <p>AAA (for those with ABBBBB-AAABB in Highers)</p>	<p>Advanced Highers must include A grades in Chemistry and at least one from Biology/Human Biology, Physics or Maths.</p> <p>If not taken as an Advanced Higher then Higher Biology/Human Biology Higher grade B is required. In addition, Standard Grade, Intermediate 2 or National 5 English, Physics and Mathematics.</p> <p>Only two attempts at application for entry to Medicine through UCAS will be accepted. Please note that certain conditions apply if it is a second attempt.</p> <p>Please seek advice from Admissions and Access Service if repeating since performance in the other subjects at the first attempt is important.</p>



Qualification	Scoring for Academic Ranking (Stage One)	A ranked list will be created after interview. Offers where made, will be on the following basis:	Any additional information or subject requirements
International Baccalaureate	<p>GCSEs will be scored over the best nine subjects:</p> <p>Alphabetic grading:  A* grade = 4 points  A grade = 3 points  B grade = 2 points  C and C* grades = 1 point</p> <p>Numeric grading:  9 grade = 4 points  7 and 8 grades = 3 points  6 grade = 2 points  4 and 5 grades = 1 point</p> <p>GCSE Short courses = half of the points indicated above.</p> <p>A maximum of one BTEC/OCR Level 2 qualification will be considered equivalent to one or two GCSEs as appropriate. Points awarded will be dependent on performance in individual units as well as overall result.</p>	36 points with 6,6,6 to include Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level	<p>GCSE grade C/4 in Mathematics, English and Physics (or grades CC/44 in Double Award Science) will be required if not offered at a higher level.</p> <p>Only GCSEs taken in Years 11 or 12 will be counted (Years 10 and 11 in England and Wales).</p> <p>Only two attempts at application for entry to Medicine through UCAS will be accepted on the basis of the International Baccalaureate. Please note that certain conditions apply if it is a second application (see below).</p> <p>Please seek advice from Admissions and Access Service if repeating since performance in the other subjects at the first attempt is important.</p>

## Graduates:

General: A 2.2 Honours degree will not be considered including those who have completed a postgraduate qualification. Only two attempts at admission will be permitted as a graduate (includes applications submitted in the final year of degree course) to this or any other Medical School and only those who applied to QUB for medicine on their first application as a graduate/expected graduate will be considered.			
Qualifications Prior to Degree	Degree outcome	Points awarded	Subject requirements
Minimum of ABB/AAC at first attempt (ie two years post GCSE) at A-levels (or equivalent)	2.1 Honours degree or potential to achieve on graduation prior to admission in your first primary degree	36	<p>A-levels must include Chemistry and at least one other science subject chosen from Physics, Mathematics and Biology/Human Biology. If not offered at A-level then AS-level Biology/Human Biology minimum grade B is required.</p> <p>The minimum grade accepted for Chemistry is a grade B.</p> <p>GCSE grade C/4 in Mathematics, English and Physics (or Double Award Science grade CC/44) will be required if not offered at a higher level.</p> <p>Graduate applicants from a non-Science A-level background should contact the Admissions and Access Service for advice about additional qualifications required, provided they have the grades specified in their other subjects at the first attempt.</p> <p>No specific degree subject required.</p>
Candidates with BBB/ABC at first attempt (ie two years post GCSE) at A-levels (or equivalent)	<p>First Class Honours degree or potential to achieve on graduation prior to admission in your first primary degree</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2.1 Honours degree in your first primary degree plus PhD</p>	36	<p>A-levels must include Chemistry and at least one other science subject chosen from Physics, Mathematics and Biology/Human Biology. If not offered at A-level then AS-level Biology/Human Biology minimum grade B is required.</p> <p>The minimum grade accepted for Chemistry is a grade B.</p> <p>GCSE grade C/4 in Mathematics, English and Physics (or Double Award Science grade CC/44) will be required if not offered at a higher level.</p> <p>Graduate applicants from a non-Science A-level background should contact the Admissions and Access Service for advice about additional qualifications required, provided they have the grades specified in their other subjects at the first attempt.</p> <p>No specific degree subject required.</p>

Qualifications Prior to Degree	Degree outcome	Points awarded	Subject requirements
Irish Leaving Certificate grades A2 B2 B2 B2 B2 B2 or H2 H3 H3 H3 H3 H3 or better at first attempt at Higher Level	2.1 Honours degree or potential to achieve on graduation on completion of programme prior to admission.	36	<p>Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level minimum grade HB2/H3.</p> <p>English and Mathematics at Ordinary Level grade OC are required if not offered at Higher Level.</p> <p>Must have Physics background – Junior Certificate Science grade A/Higher Merit if Physics if not taken as part of Leaving Certificate.</p> <p>Graduate applicants without the appropriate Science background should contact the Admissions and Access Service for advice about additional qualifications required, provided they have the grades specified in their other subjects at the first attempt.</p> <p>No specific degree subject required.</p>
Irish Leaving Certificate grades B2 B2 B2 B2 B2 B2 or H3 H3 H3 H3 H3 H3 or better at first attempt at Higher Level	<p>First Class Honours or potential to achieve on graduation on completion of programme prior to admission.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>2.1 Honours degree plus PhD</p>	36	<p>Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level minimum grade HB2.</p> <p>English and Mathematics at Ordinary Level grade OC are required if not offered at Higher Level.</p> <p>Must have Physics background – Junior Certificate Science grade A/Higher Merit if Physics if not taken as part of Leaving Certificate.</p> <p>Graduate applicants without the appropriate Science background should contact the Admissions and Access Service for advice about additional qualifications required, provided they have the grades specified in their other subjects at the first attempt.</p> <p>No specific degree subject required.</p>

## Qualifications Table – International

General: Please note that in shortlisting for interview a number of factors are taken into account so previous academic performance and UCAT (while important) are not scored as outlined for Home and ROI applicants above.

Where applicants have not previously taken any formal examination (eg either GCSEs or O-levels) they will be considered on the basis of High School reports and this information will also be used to assess whether or not they are able to fulfil subject requirements eg GCSE Physics or equivalent.

Where applicants have taken a small number of GCSEs we can consider a combination of GCSEs and Grade 10 High School reports. Please note that individual subjects will only be considered once, and that a GCSE grade result achieved will take precedence over any High School report score in the same subject.

Qualification	Offer	Subject Requirements
A-levels	<p>AAA (Chemistry and Biology) at A-level, OR AAB at A-level + A in a 4th AS-level subject including A-level Chemistry grade A plus one other A-level at grade A from Biology/Human Biology, Mathematics or Physics. If not offered at A-level then Biology/Human Biology grade A as a 4th AS-level or grade B as a 5th AS-level.</p> <p>Grade A in the EPQ or a grade B in a 4th A-level will be acceptable in lieu of the 4th AS-level.</p>	<p>Biology is required to at least AS-level (grades B) if not offered at A-Level.</p> <p>GCSE/SPM/O-Level (or equivalent) Maths and Physics are required if not offered beyond this level.</p>
Singapore/Cambridge A Levels	<p>AAA (Chemistry and Biology) in H2 Level subjects OR A (Chemistry) A in Biology, Mathematics or Physics and B in any other subject at H2 level plus an A grade in a fourth H1 Level subject (excluding General paper)</p>	<p>Biology is required to at least H1 Level (grade B) if not offered at H2.</p> <p>GCSE/SPM/O-Level (or equivalent) Maths and Physics are required if not offered beyond this level</p>

Qualification	Offer	Subject Requirements
STPM (Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia)	AA (Chemistry and Biology) and A in another subject excluding Pengajian Am (General Studies) and Bahasa Melayu (Malay Language)	GCSE/SPM/O-Level (or equivalent) Maths and Physics are required if not offered beyond this level
International Baccalaureate	36 points with 6,6,6 to include Chemistry and Biology at Higher Level	GCSE/SPM/O-Level (or equivalent) Maths and Physics are required if not offered beyond this level
Canadian High School Graduation Diploma	Minimum of 90% overall at Grade 12 including marks of at least 90% in Chemistry and Biology	Evidence of study of Maths and Physics if not taken In Year 12, preferably to Year 11 standard
USA High School Diploma	Minimum GPA of 3.5 out of 4.00 plus 4 Advanced Placement (AP) Tests with Grades of 5.5 (Chemistry and Biology), 5.4 or higher will be necessary.  Grade 12 Honours/College courses are not accepted in lieu of AP tests for entry to Medicine.	AP Tests are preferred though SAT subject Tests or ACT scores may be accepted in lieu.  Evidence of study of Maths and Physics if not taken In Year 12, preferably to Year 11 standard
Hong Kong Diploma in Secondary Education (HKDSE)	HKDSE with Grade 5 in both Chemistry and Biology plus Grade 5 in another Category A core or elective subject (excluding Liberal Studies, Chinese Language and English Language). Where Mathematics is offered as one of three HKDSE subjects the compulsory and extended/optional components must have been taken, with the specified grade obtained in both elements. Chemistry must be offered as a separate subject, and may be considered along with Combined Science (Biology and Physics).	GCSE/SPM/O-Level (or equivalent) Grade C/4 Mathematics and Physics is required if not offered beyond this level.  If formal GCSE examinations have not been taken, school reports may be considered as evidence of studies at this level
Indian Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate	Grade XII with 90% overall including marks of at least 90% in Chemistry and Biology	Grade X in Maths and Physics are required if not offered beyond this level



Qualification	Offer	Subject Requirements
Australian High School Certificate (Year 12)	<p>Australian School Leaving Certificate (Year 12) with ATAR at 97.5 or higher (including A grades in Chemistry and Biology). GCSE Mathematics, English and Physics (or equivalent) are required, if not offered beyond this Level.</p> <p>*Queensland Certificate of Education with Very High/High Achievement (including Chemistry and Biology), plus Overall Position Band 1 or 2.</p>	GCSE Mathematics, English and Physics (or equivalent) are required, if not offered beyond this Level.
Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)	Successful completion of CAPE with Grade 1 in all units undertaken, including three Double unit courses to include Chemistry and Biology.	Mathematics and Physics to GCSE standard also required - Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate with Grades I-III at General Proficiency comparable to GCSE Grades A*-C
Singaporean Diploma in Biomedical sciences	Minimum overall CGPA of 3.85 on a scale of 4.0 may be considered.	GCSE/SPM/O-Level (or equivalent) Maths and Physics are required if not offered beyond this level
Degree or due to complete Degree	For those who have already completed or are due to complete a degree, both school and University qualifications are taken into account. A minimum of a 2.1 Honours degree, 78% in a Canadian degree (4 year programme), CGPA of 3.3 on a scale of 4 or equivalent is required	<p>Appropriate background at School level in science subjects is required – see requirements for different qualifications above.</p> <p>No specific degree subject required.</p>

## English Requirements for International Candidates:

Appropriate evidence of proficiency in English language is required. Most commonly accepted qualifications are:

Qualification	Validated period	Minimum Score(s) Required
O-Level/IGCSE	7 years	Grade C provided qualification includes assessment of Speaking and Listening. To be competitive a higher grade is normally necessary
IELTS Academic	2 years	Overall score of 7.5 with a minimum of 7 in speaking and listening and 6.5 in reading and writing IELTS one skill retake is acceptable. This retake must be taken within 60 days of the original test.
TOEFL IBT	2 years	105, with not less than 24 – Listening; 21 – Reading; 23 – Speaking; 23 – Writing.
Cambridge GCE O Level English Language syllabus (UCLES)	7 years	Pre-2021: 1119 English with an overall grade of A2 or higher Post-2021: 1119 English with an overall grade of A2 or higher and with grades C2 in each of the four language sub-skills
International Baccalaureate Diploma: English	5 years	English A - Standard Level – Grade 7 Higher Level – Grade 6  English B – Standard Level – Not Accepted Higher Level – Grade 7