



Leicester Medical School

Scoring of Application for Medicine A100

2027 entry

**TO BE READ ALONGSIDE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Incomplete UCAS forms will not be chased for missing data. It is the candidate's responsibility to complete the relevant sections or email medadmis@le.ac.uk with other essential information.

Students with non-GCSE / A level examinations must send in transcripts, or year 10/11 school reports, if they are unable to enter ALL examination results clearly on UCAS.

Referees must corroborate Free School meal or 16-18 bursary status, alongside any significant extenuating circumstances in the UCAS reference.

CONTENTS

- 1.0 [General Information](#)
- 2.0 [Minimum entry requirements](#)
- 3.0 [UCAT](#)
- 4.0 [Undergraduate applicant Pre-Interview scoring](#)
- 5.0 [Graduate applicant Pre-interview scoring](#)
- 6.0 [Access applicant Pre-interview scoring](#)
- 7.0 [Personal Statements](#)
- 8.0 [Mitigating Circumstances](#)
- 9.0 [Interviews](#)
- 10.0 [Offers](#)
- 11.0 [Additional information](#)

1.0 General Information

Home Applicants (including EU with settled/pre-settled status):

The information set out below refers to the admissions procedure for the 5-year medicine course (UCAS code A100). Approximately 1400 Home applicants are expected to be interviewed, although this is subject to change.

Candidates will be divided into 4 groups – predicted A Levels (or equivalent), achieved A levels (or equivalent), Graduates (predicted and achieved) and Access to Medicine.

International/EU Applicants:

GCSE English language as a second language is not considered as equivalent to GCSE English Language as a First Language. If you do not meet the English Language requirement through this GCSE, an IELTS score (overall score 7.5, no component under 7.0) will be required; or an equivalent as per our international webpage: <https://le.ac.uk/study/international-students/english-language-requirements>. We will consider applicants applying with the IB, with SL English Language at grade 5 or above.

We expect to interview approximately 100 international applicants (subject to change). International candidates will be ranked against other international candidates.

Many international/EU candidates do not sit formal year 10/11 examination (i.e., GCSE equivalents); in such cases, school transcripts will need to be submitted at the time of application to medadmis@le.ac.uk. We will not chase applicants for this information. It is the applicant's responsibility to supply it. Where that information is not supplied, it will not be possible to score an application and it will be rejected. Failure to have noticed this requirement will not be considered grounds for an appeal against rejection.

All academic attainment must be declared on UCAS, including subjects taken by choice, or first attempts and resits. Those listed on UCAS must match the certificates we will ask for at interview; otherwise, academic scores will be revised, and interview status may be revoked. If there is a concern about probity raised, this will be investigated.

IMPORTANT: your selection for interview and offer will be based on your fee status as determined by the university at the time of application, i.e. on 15th October in the year you apply, even if you are applying for deferred entry. Your fee status in terms of what you are charged will be determined by the university on the 1st September in the year that you start. These may differ, but due to ongoing uncertainty regarding immigration decisions we suggest you delay applying until you have Indefinite Leave to Remain if you think the situation will change shortly, and have concerns about not having a competitive enough application to be considered as an international applicant (see statistics on [website](#)).

Re-applicants:

Applicants who have applied to us previously may be considered, providing they meet the following criteria:

- Applicants presenting with achieved or predicted A-levels, IB or equivalent who have applied once before but have not been interviewed, will be considered and scored as usual on their second application. Subsequent applications will not be considered without further qualification at degree level. Applicants on a second gap year will only be considered with evidence of paid experience in a caring role.
- Applicants presenting with an achieved or predicted degree who have applied once before with their degree but have not been interviewed, will be considered and scored as usual on their second

application. Subsequent applications will not be considered without evidence of substantial paid employment in a caring role.

- Applicants presenting via the Access to Medicine route who have applied once before but have not been interviewed, will be considered and scored as usual on their second application. Subsequent applications will not be considered without evidence of substantial paid employment in a caring role.

Applicants who were invited to interview but failed to attend and did not submit a valid reason, will not be reconsidered.

Applicants rejected following interview in the 2026 cycle will only be considered in a subsequent application if their interview score was no more than 5% below the level required to be on the wait-list for 2026 entry. Please see our [admission statistics](#) for 2026 entry. If invited to interview we will then use the mean of the two interview scores, so applicants will need to demonstrate a significant improvement to be considered for an offer. We do this to balance out any advantage due to being familiar with our interview process and stations. UCAT must be resat in the year of application.

Please note that the 5% cut-off rule will not apply to applicants who applied with achieved/predicted A-levels and are reapplying with an achieved/predicted degree.

Please Note:

We reserve the right to change our scoring system at any point in order to rank applicants appropriately.

IMPORTANT: -

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS ARE ENTERED ON YOUR UCAS FORM (INCLUDING FIRST SIT AND RESIT IF APPLICABLE). IF INFORMATION PERTAINING TO OUR MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS IS MISSING (e.g., GCSE results or predicted grades) WE WILL NOT CHASE YOU FOR INFORMATION. YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE REJECTED FOR THIS CYCLE. All predicted qualifications must also be included. Graduates who do not include their current degree studies may be rejected.

2.0 Minimum Entry Requirements

We will not confirm, in response to telephone queries, whether you meet our minimum requirements since not all information will be available to us.

All applicants must show evidence of recent academic attainment - within 3 years of the UCAS closing date. Graduates of vocational professions may be considered after this if they can demonstrate ongoing professional development.

Initial assessment of all UCAS forms will be based on minimum entry requirements and having a valid UCAT score from the year of application. If you have not reached our minimum entry requirements (or have not listed them), your application will be automatically rejected.

If you are offering other academic qualifications e.g., Scottish, Irish or European, then please see our website for our minimum requirements. Subjects will be scored on an equivalence basis. We use ECCTIS as our reference for other qualifications. For **international/EU students** who have not sat formal year 10/11 exams, we ask for school transcripts to be submitted directly to medadmis@le.ac.uk at the same time as the UCAS application is submitted: we will not chase applicants for these.

2.1 All candidates

All results must be listed on the UCAS form (first sit and resits where applicable), and predicted grades must be listed in the 'qualifications not yet achieved' column and not solely mentioned in the academic reference. Predictions for individual subjects at higher and standard level should be included for IB.

Must have **GCSE Grade B or 6** in English Language (as a first language), Maths and two sciences (Biology and Chemistry, or Double Science), or an equivalent.

In the rare situation that someone has Biology at A level/IB HL, but not at GCSE, we will consider Chemistry and Physics at GCSE instead. But there must be Biology at one or other level.

Resits

We will consider resits in GCSE English Language and Maths from any applicant for meeting our minimum requirements. We will only consider resits in other GCSE subjects if there are very significant mitigating circumstances that have been previously agreed by the Mitigating Circumstances Panel in writing. Resits must have been completed before applying: we will not consider applicants with resits outstanding to meet our minimum requirements. First-sit results must be submitted as these will be used for scoring purposes.

NB If applicants were for instance schooled abroad in year 10/11 and have a qualification that we accept, but then decide to sit GCSE maths or English Language we will score their earlier result.

2.2 Applicants with predicted or achieved A-levels or equivalent

We require A*AA at A-level including Chemistry or Biology, and one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Psychology, but excluding General Studies, Citizenship Studies, Critical Thinking or Global Perspectives. We do not consider both maths and further maths.

We will also consider candidates with AAA (to include two science subjects as above) **plus** an EPQ, or a 4th subject AS, or Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate skills challenge certificate at Grade B or above; or candidates with four A levels at AAAB (to include the two science subjects at AA).

For International Baccalaureate (IB) candidates, we will require either a minimum score of 34 points, with 7,6,6 in the HL subjects; or a minimum score of 36 with 6,6,6 in the HL subjects; and the higher-level subjects must include Chemistry or Biology, and one of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths, Sports Science or Psychology.

Candidates who have successfully completed a Realising Opportunities Programme, the Access Leicester: Medicine (AL Med) course, or a recognised Sutton Trust Pathways to Medicine programme will be considered with predicted or achieved grades of AAA. The programme must be completed by the 1st December, in the year of application to be considered for interview on this basis.

Since we are no longer part of UKWPMED, applications will only be accepted from applicants **in their first gap year** who completed the UKWPMED programme in the 2025–2026 academic year. Candidates who

have completed one of the UKWPMED programmes and are applying in their first gap year will be considered with predicted or achieved grades of ABB (A in Chemistry or Biology) and successful completion of the programme.

Candidates who live in an IMD (Index of Multiple Deprivation) quintile 1 (deciles 1 & 2) area AND either receive UCAT bursary or 16-19 bursary, or have been in receipt of free school meals for over 6 months, or have been in local authority care for 3 months, will be considered with grades of AAA.

Since we know predicted grades can be inaccurate, **we will score any candidate predicted at least AAB.**

A-levels sat in year 12 will not form part of the pre-interview selection process, nor will 4th subject AS levels (unless achieved candidate with AAA), except in the rare situation of a candidate being in a borderline group.

If a candidate is sitting a 3rd A-level in a language subject, other than English Language, that they are a home or native speaker of, they will be made an adjusted offer of A*A*A, with A* also required in the language subject should they reach the offer stage.

Please note that we do not consider the ICCE.

Home schooled applicants will be asked to submit further details including why they were home schooled. This information would be used as part of the selection for interview, in addition to the academic and UCAT scores, similar to Access candidates (see section 2.4).

Year 12 Resits (first-sit of A levels after 3 years)

Applicants who have taken three years to complete their A-levels for the first time will not normally be considered. Exceptions may be made only in cases of significant mitigation that has been accepted by the Mitigating Circumstances Panel. You would need to submit a request (see mitigating circumstances on our [website](#)). Applicants who do not submit a mitigating circumstances request, or those whose requests are not accepted, will have their applications rejected.

A level Resits

Applicants who had not attained the required grades at first-sit will not be considered unless they were already holding a conditional firm offer for Medicine from us, and had significant mitigation that affected their results, that has been accepted by the Mitigating Circumstances Panel (see mitigating circumstances on our [website](#)). Applicants who do not submit a mitigating circumstances request, or those whose requests are not accepted, will have their applications rejected.

2.3 Graduate Applicants

Applicants must have achieved or be predicted a minimum of an upper second-class honours degree, or equivalent. We will consider honours degrees in any discipline provided the applicant meets our minimum **GCSE requirements** (see Section 2.1) and has a **grade B** in either **Chemistry or Biology at A level**. We do not consider Masters or PhDs in lieu of bachelor degrees below the required level.

Graduates must have the equivalent of **BBB or ABC** in their 3 A level subjects. These can have been achieved over 3 years, though academic scoring will be adjusted accordingly.

2.4 Access Applicants

Applicants must meet our minimum GCSE requirements (see section 2.1 above) and have studied one of our approved Access to Medicine Diploma courses (see website). We require distinctions in all graded credits (usually 45) with a distinction overall. We will not consider Access to Medicine courses from students who could have undertaken A levels (i.e., school leavers), nor in lieu of poor science A-level results, nor poor A-level results in graduate applicants.

We will only consider mature applicants (must be 22 years or more at registration) by this route, with evidence of five years' paid employment, or an apprenticeship post-school, including at least a year in a relevant caring role.

Graduates with an Access to Medicine Diploma are scored as graduates (some allowance may be given for the diploma if achieved, and taken to meet our science requirements, in addition to non-science A-levels).

3.0 UCAT

UCAT will form 50% of the pre-interview scoring system (less for Access candidates).

Please note that UCAT significantly changed in the summer of 2025 and so only the 2026 admissions statistics will be meaningful as a guide regarding the threshold score to get to interview.

Applicants with band 4 in the Situational Judgement Test will be automatically rejected pre-interview.

Points will be awarded by the total score using the following formula until the bottom 2 deciles are reached. Candidates in the bottom 2 deciles will not be considered.

TOTAL UCAT SCORE	Points	TOTAL UCAT SCORE	Points*
>2400	48	2050 - 2099	41
2350-2399	47	2000 - 2049	40
2300-2349	46	1950 - 1999	39
2260 - 2299	45	1900 - 1949	38
2200 - 2249	44	1850 - 1899	37
2150 - 2199	43	1800 - 1849	36
2100 - 2149	42	Etc until bottom 2 deciles reached	

*depending on where bottom two decile begins

UCAT offers a range of adjusted tests, which will be considered on receipt of formal evidence to support these adjustments. For more information, please follow the link <https://www.ucat.ac.uk/ucat/access-arrangements>

UCAT also offer a bursary scheme for some applicants and receipt of a UCAT bursary is considered a contextual flag. If you are entitled to a UCAT bursary, we strongly recommend you apply for one.

4.0 Scoring for those applying with A-levels, IB etc.

ALL year 10/11 formal qualifications must be declared on your UCAS form, or transcripts submitted to the university. First sits, and resits if relevant.

If you studied in a country where you did not sit formal exams at this stage, we will need to see school transcripts, translated into English if applicable. These need to be submitted to medadmis@le.ac.uk at the time of application. We will not chase applicants for this information. It is the applicant's responsibility to supply it. Where that information is not supplied, it will not be possible to score an application and it will be rejected. Failure to have noticed this requirement will not be considered grounds for an appeal against rejection.

If you are an achieved A level, IB, or equivalent candidate all results or predicted results must again be declared or submitted.

4.1 Candidates with predicted A levels or IB (first-sit)

Academic score will be based on eight full-length GCSEs (may include one other Level 2 BTEC or other Level 2 qualification); these must be GCSE, iGCSE or non-UK equivalents. This forms 50% of the pre-interview score.

Mandatory subjects (English Language, Maths, Chemistry and Biology, or Double Science) plus the four best others will be scored (excluding Citizenship Studies and Global Perspectives).

First sittings only will be scored, and it is expected that all subjects will have been sat in the same academic year. Subjects from other years will not be scored unless it is a first-sit of one of the mandatory subjects.

Only one Maths subject will be scored (we consider Statistics a Maths subject); if the Further Maths (or Statistics) grade is higher than Maths, then this will be used for scoring, but the Maths must meet the minimum grade 6/B.

If your school did not permit you to take 8 GCSE subjects, we require formal evidence from the school to support this before the 1st October 2026. You will need to submit a Mitigating Circumstances request which is accepted by the Mitigating Circumstances Panel (see mitigating circumstances on our [website](#)). Otherwise, we cannot make an adjustment; in which case you may wish to consider deferring application until you have completed A-levels (as less weight will then be placed on GCSEs).

If it subsequently transpires that an original sitting result was not disclosed by a candidate, or other subjects were undeclared, or an incorrect grade was transcribed onto their UCAS form, then their academic score will be revised accordingly, which may void an invite to interview, and an investigation into the candidate's probity may be started.

8 GCSE qualifications will be taken into account as below:

English language	or	English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)		Chemistry
Best four other subjects		Biology
		Best four other subjects

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

9	=	6
8	=	5
7	=	4
6	=	3
5	=	0

Example scoring for applicants with predicted A-levels

<i>English Language</i>	7	= 4
<i>Maths</i>	9	= 6
<i>Chemistry</i>	9	= 6
<i>Biology</i>	9	= 6
<i>Physics</i>	9	= 6
<i>Business Studies</i>	8	= 5
<i>Religious Studies</i>	6	= 3
<i>French</i>	5	= 0
<i>GCSE Total</i>		= 36/48

4.2 Candidates with achieved A levels / IB

We will automatically invite you to interview provided you are in your **first gap year**, and you have met all our minimum requirements for GCSEs and/or English Language competency at first-sit as set out in section 2.1; have achieved our minimum requirements in your A levels **within two years** of your GCSEs; and have a total UCAT score in the **top 5 deciles (home fee status candidates) or top 3 deciles (international fee status candidates) with an SJT Band 1-3.**

Otherwise, your application will be scored using your GCSEs and UCAT score (see section 4.1). Bonus points will be awarded for more than one A* at A level as follows: A*A*A = +1, A*A*A* = +2, etc. Candidates with an EPQ, or a 4th subject AS, or Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate skills challenge certificate at Grade B or above will be given bonus points for any result above AAA (A*AA = +1, A*A*A = +2, etc). In all cases the academic score capped at 48.

If you are in your second gap year, unless there has been for instance significant illness or mandatory national service, we will expect you to have evidence of paid employment in a caring role.

4.3 Candidates who are part of Access Leicester : Medicine, or a Realising Opportunities Programme or Sutton Trust Pathways to Medicine Programme

Access Leicester: Medicine: We will guarantee you an interview, provided you meet our minimum GCSE requirements (at first-sit); are predicted at least ABB or have achieved (first gap year only) at least AAA in our required subjects without resits; successfully completed the progression programme; and have a UCAT in the top 7 deciles with a SJT 1-3. Please state Access Leicester: Medicine in the 'Activities in preparation for Higher Education' section on your UCAS form. If you have not heard from us by 10th December, please email medadmis@le.ac.uk stating you are an Access Leicester: Medicine candidate.

Realising Opportunities Programme (ROP) or a recognised Sutton Trust Pathways to Medicine programme: We will guarantee you an interview, provided you meet our minimum GCSE requirements (at first-sit); are predicted at least AAB, or have achieved (first gap year only) at least AAA in our required subjects without resits; successfully completed the progression programme; and have a UCAT in the top 7 deciles with a SJT 1-3. Please state Realising Opportunities Programme or Sutton Trust in the 'Activities in preparation for Higher Education' section on your UCAS form. If you have not heard from us by 10th December please email medadmis@le.ac.uk stating you are a ROP or Sutton Trust candidate.

UKWPMED progression programme: For 2027 entry applications will only be accepted from **applicants in their first gap year** who completed the UKWPMED programme in the 2025–2026 academic year. In this case, we will guarantee an interview for applicants who have successfully completed the UKWPMED progression programme, provided they also meet the following criteria: minimum GCSE requirements (at first sitting); have achieved at least ABB in the required subjects without resits (including an A in Chemistry or Biology); and have a UCAT score in the top 7 deciles with a Situational Judgement Test (SJT) band 1–3. Please state ‘UKWPMED’ in the ‘Activities in preparation for Higher Education’ section of your UCAS application.

4.4 Candidates who are resitting A-levels

Pre-interview score will be based on GCSEs and UCAT (see section 4.1) and on the whole UCAS application, including reference, employment/voluntary work and personal statement.

5.0 Scoring for Graduates (A100, 5 Year Course)

Provided you meet our minimum GCSE and A-level requirements as set out in section 2.3, your academic ability will be scored on the basis of best 3 A levels (to include Chemistry or Biology) and degree. If your A levels were taken over three years, an adjustment will be made to the scoring.

A levels (or HL IB subjects):

A* (7) = 12 (or 10 if over a 3 year period)

A (6) = 10 (or 8 if over a 3 year period)

B (5) = 8 (or 6 if over a 3 year period)

C (4) = 4 (or 2 if over a 3 year period)

Where other qualifications are offered, an equivalence will be made based on UCAS tariff and/or ECCTIS tables.

Degree:

1st Class Obtained = 12 2:1 Obtained = 8

1st Class Predicted = 6 2:1 Predicted = 4

Example Scoring for a Final Year Student

<u>A Level or HL IB</u>		Score
Chemistry	A 6	= 10
Biology	B 5	= 8
Maths	B 5	= 8
A Level Total		= 26
<u>Degree Prediction</u>		
Upper Second Class		= 4
Academic Grand Total		= 30/48

Example Scoring for an Achieved Graduate

<u>A Level or HL IB</u>		Score
Chemistry	A* 7	= 12
Biology	B 5	= 8
Maths	B 5	= 8
A Level Total		= 28
<u>Degree Obtainment</u>		
First Class Honours		= 12
Academic Grand Total		= 40/48

For applicants who have taken qualifications other than GCSE and A-levels, an assessment of equivalence will be made. For applicants who are offering a degree that is not classified in the same way as the UK honours classification, transcripts will be required and an assessment of equivalence will be made. We may

ask you to provide us with transcripts of your qualifications in order for us to assess the UK equivalence through ECCTIS. Please provide any such transcripts (certified translation if necessary) at the point of application to medadmis@le.ac.uk. We will not chase applicants for essential information that is not on their UCAS form.

6.0 Scoring for Access Candidates

We require all Access candidates to submit a full CV detailing all employment and educational attainments, and any gaps, before the UCAS 15th October 2026 deadline.

Graduates with non-science A levels studying for an Access to Medicine qualification will be scored as graduates.

Otherwise, a pre-interview score will be calculated using academic qualifications, UCAT score, CV, personal statement and reference.

Academic Score Maximum = 32

6 GCSEs will be scored:

English language	OR	English language
Maths		Maths
Double Science (2)		Chemistry
Best two other subjects		Biology
		Best two other subjects

GCSE scoring will be as follows:

9	= 4
8	= 3
7	= 2
6	= 1

Non science A-level scoring will be as follows:

A*/A	= 3
B	= 2
C	= 1

One point may be awarded for Grade A in up to three non-science AS grades, providing the candidate has not studied full A-levels or equivalent. BTECs/NVQs/Diplomas (etc.) will be scored as AS or A-level equivalent based on UCAS points.

An additional **8 points** may be available for candidates who have a **completed Access to Medicine** with distinctions in ALL graded credits (usually 45, though older courses 60). The total academic score will not exceed 32 points.

UCAT Maximum Score = 24

TOTAL UCAT SCORE	Points	TOTAL UCAT SCORE	Points*
>2400	24	2050 - 2099	17
2350-2399	23	2000 - 2049	16
2300-2349	22	1950 - 1999	15
2260 - 2299	21	1900 - 1949	14
2200 - 2249	20	1850 - 1899	13
2150 - 2199	19	1800 - 1849	12
2100 - 2149	18	Etc	

References/Employment – scored by 2 independent Admissions Tutors out of 5. (Maximum score 10)

We will expect to be able to track your employment/educational history from school to current day. Any educational/employment gaps in your CV will need to be explained. We will expect evidence of paid employment for five years, including at least a year in a relevant caring role.

Personal statement/Commitment to medicine - scored by 2 independent Admissions Tutors out of 5. (Maximum score 10)

We will expect you to be able to explain why you have decided on medicine and how you have come to it via this route and not the traditional route; you will also have to explain what you have done to ensure you understand the career you are applying for. Your CV and personal statement will be used to score this section.

Candidates will attain a total score out of 76.

7.0 Personal Statements, References and Contextual Information

The personal statement and reference are **not** routinely scored, except for candidates applying with an Access to Medicine qualification. However, for borderline candidates or in tiebreak situations, the personal statement and reference may be used.

The following attributes will be considered:

- Motivation
- Commitment
- Appreciation of challenges of a medical career
- Work experience
- Extracurricular activities
- Contribution to school/college life
- Contribution to wider community
- Written communication skills
- Support from teachers/staff
- Confirmation of some aspects of personal statement in reference

The following contextual information will also be considered for applications in the borderline group: IMD quintile 1 (decile 1 or 2); UCAT bursary; being a carer; Refugee status; time in Local Authority care; receipt of free school meals for more than 6 months; receipt of 16-19 bursary. These criteria may also be considered at the point of offer (see Section 9.0).

We ask that school referees include in the extenuating circumstances section information regarding free school meals, 16-19 bursary, and any other significant factors that may have affected your schooling e.g. personal or family illness, teacher absence.

The Personal Statement and Reference will be reviewed in full by an Admissions Tutor prior to any offer being made. If no recent academic reference is provided, the application will be rejected.

8.0 Mitigating Circumstances

We aim to be as inclusive as possible and, therefore, will give due consideration to substantial mitigating circumstances that may have affected your academic achievement. Please view our [Mitigating Circumstances Guide](#), which applies primarily to our current students but also provides a definition of mitigation and depicts the kind of unusual circumstances which may constitute special consideration.

Possible circumstances may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Personal health
- Close family health (first degree relatives or grand-parents)
- Domestic circumstances
- Educational disadvantage
- Educational disruption (we would not consider the pandemic per se as this has affected everyone's education)

It is essential that you contact us via medadmis@le.ac.uk as soon as possible if you believe that your academic achievement has been affected by any of the above, as we may be able take these issues into account when assessing your application. However, we will **NOT** accept academic qualifications below our minimum requirement. Accepted mitigation may mean we consider resits or award bonus academic points to GCSEs.

Please note: In order for mitigation to be considered, an official letter must be provided by the relevant professional (school/college/university/health consultant/GP) to corroborate such circumstances. This letter should include the applicant's full name, D.O.B or UCAS number. It should be printed on letter-headed paper, signed and dated. This should be submitted via email preferably with your UCAS number.

The evidence must explain: (1) what the circumstance was, (2) exactly how it affected you in relation to your studies and (3) precisely when it occurred (i.e., identifying which assessments were affected).

All mitigation and supporting documents **must** be received by **1 October 2026**. If we do not receive mitigation by this date, it will not be considered and the scoring of the application will be carried out on the basis of no mitigation.

If mitigation is received by **1 September 2026**, we will give you a definitive response as to whether we will or will not accept the mitigation before the closing date for applications.

No decision on mitigation will be given via the telephone.

By attending your UCAT exam, you are declaring that you are fit to sit the test at that time. This means you are declaring that you are well enough to complete the test to the best of your ability. Therefore, we do not usually consider mitigating circumstances for UCAT. Significant issues arising during the testing are reported to us through annotations and we will consider these when reviewing an application.

9.0 Interviews

Following scoring of academic ability and UCAT, applicants will be ranked within the 4 groups (predicted A-level, achieved A-level, Graduate and Access). The highest scoring candidates will then be invited to interview. The lowest ranked applicants will not be considered further and will be rejected via UCAS.

Candidates in a borderline group will be further reviewed on the basis of their whole UCAS form, including: academic qualifications; IMD quintile 1 (decile 1 or 2); free school meals; 16-19 bursary; UCAT bursary; being a carer; Refugee status; time in Local Authority care; work experience; employment; reference; personal statement; and UCAT results.

We run Multiple Mini-Interviews (MMI). The number of stations and whether the interviews are delivered online or face to face will depend on the situation at the time; but currently we are planning face to face for Home applicants and online for International applicants for 2027 entry.

Invitations to interview are sent by email. We recommend you make [@le.ac.uk](mailto:le.ac.uk) a trusted domain and regularly check your junk folder. Unfortunately, such emails sometimes find their way into the junk folder. Applicants with Gmail accounts have had particular problems in the past. Some junk folders are automatically cleared after one month. It is your responsibility to check this regularly.

The Medical School does not endorse any interview courses as we do not feel they are necessary, nor beneficial. We regularly review our interview process and, whilst we reserve the right to change our interview format, we aim to make it equitable for all applicants. Situations outside our control (e.g., university closure due to a pandemic) may make it essential to offer alternative interview formats for some applicants.

9.1 Stations

The various stations will assess a number of attributes, including:

- Communication Skills
- Problem solving
- Personal qualities and values
- Motivation and suitability
- Ability to show empathy and compassion
- Organisational ability
- Numeracy

9.2 Outcome of Interviews

Each station will be scored and applicants will be ranked on the basis of their total score. For the majority of candidates, the interview score alone will be used to determine if an offer is given. Recent numbers of offers can be seen on our statistics page on the website.

Candidates in a borderline group will be further reviewed on the basis of their whole UCAS form, including: Academic Qualifications; IMD quintile 1 (decile 1 or 2); UCAT bursary; Free School Meals; 16-19 Bursary; being a carer; time in Local Authority care; Refugee status; work experience; employment; reference; personal statement; UCAT results etc. (see above and Section 7.0).

On occasions, at the point of considering an offer, issues may be identified on the UCAS form (e.g. discrepancy between declared results and certificates), or comments may have been made by interviewers, that mean we wish to give candidates a further opportunity by inviting them to a second interview. This will usually be held on an offer holders' day and take the format of a panel interview.

Please note we are not in a position to provide feedback to successful candidates. For unsuccessful candidates, we will provide some suggestions on areas for improvement, but will not provide individual station scores.

9.3 Students with Disabilities, Special Needs and Medical Conditions

Applicants with disabilities, specific learning difficulties (including dyslexia) and medical conditions should enter the relevant disability code on their UCAS application.

Should candidates wish to request adjustments at interview, they must inform the Medical School in writing immediately after submission of their application and provide supporting evidence. We will make reasonable adjustments based on those that are available to medical students once on the course.

Informing us at the application stage also allows us to make offer holders aware of support services available while on the course and also in their professional career, as we work with the local NHS Trust's Occupational Health department.

9.4 Timing of Interview

Interviews will normally take place between December and January. Specific dates will be published on [our website](#) once confirmed.

Please Note: If applicants cannot attend any of the interview dates offered then please do contact us immediately. However, we may not be able to offer any alternative dates, nor be able to reschedule. Applicants will be aware that they will be expected to attend an interview and our interview dates are published, so we expect applicants to be prepared for interviews from mid-December. Interviews will be released in batches and the dates released need to be filled before further dates can be offered.

Applicants who do not accept the dates offered (and do not contact us with a valid reason) will have to wait until all further applicants have made their decisions and, if there are any dates left, will need to accept one of them. There is no benefit in waiting for a later interview date.

NB. We reserve the right to alter our interview dates if other circumstances necessitate this.

10.0 Offers

Although we hope to make the majority of our offers in late February/March, some offers will be made later in the process. Medical Schools are subject to a numbers cap enforced by the Office for Students, and we must await decisions from earlier offer holders to ensure we do not exceed our cap. Many decisions are not made by early offer holders until the June UCAS deadline. Consequently, the offer making process will continue into summer 2027. Whilst we acknowledge that this causes angst and stress, the process unfortunately cannot be made any faster whilst we are under such external constraints.

Our standard offers are:

A*AA

AAAB

AAA plus B in EPQ or 4th subject AS

IB total 34, with 7,6,6 in HL subjects; or total 36, with 6,6,6 in HL subjects

ROP, Access Leicester: Medicine or Sutton Trust applicants; and candidates living in IMD quintile 1 (decile 1 or 2) who also have either UCAT or 16-19 bursary, or free school meals (at least 6 months), or time in local authority care (over 3 months) will be made an adjusted offer of AAA.

11.0 Additional Information

If an applicant wishes to submit additional information to support their application, we must receive any documentation/correspondence by **the 15th October 2026**.