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LEICESTER MEDICAL SCHOOL

A100 Five Year MBChB

Frequently asked questions
(2021 Entry)



Entry requirements



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Q: What are your academic entry requirements?

A: We accept a variety of qualifications. For those with predicted or achieved A levels we require AAA or A*AB in Chemistry OR Biology and one other science from: Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Maths or Psychology. We require English Language, Maths and Double Science or Chemistry and Biology GCSEs at grade B (6).

Full entry requirements can be found on our website:

www.le.ac.uk/medicine-mbchb

Q Do you require UCAT or BMAT?

A: We are part of the UCAT consortium and require all applicants to complete the UCAT. However, if UCAT do not offer a 2020 sitting then we will amend our requirements.

Q: Does having a 4th A/AS level or EPQ improve my chances?

A: In general no as our requirement is three A levels. However, if you are in a borderline group pre or post interview this may count in your favour?

Q: Do you make contextual offers?

A: If you are part of a ROP or LEAP programme and get to offer stage then you would be made two offers either AAA or ABB + ROP/LEAP.

Q: What if I miss my offer on results day?

A: If you have made us your FIRM choice, and if we still have spaces on results day, then we may consider you with AAB.

Selection for interview

Q: How do you score applications?

A: We score applications based on your academic achievements as well as your UCAT score. 50% of the marks will be for academic achievement and 50% for your UCAT score*.

For an up to date scoring document please visit our website:
www.le.ac.uk/medicine-scoring

Q: What was the score required last year to get an interview?

A: The scores required for interview vary each year due to a number of factors and there is no pre-determined score you must achieve in order to be invited to interview. Admissions statistics can be found on our website:
www.le.ac.uk/medicine-stats

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Q: Do you have a cut off for the UCAT?

A: We do not have a cut off as the scores vary each year but your UCAT result contributes 50% to our scoring system in selecting for Interviews*. However you should be aware that our formula for scoring UCAT caps the score for those in the bottom two deciles. In addition we do not consider applicants with a Band 4 in the UCAT Situational Judgement Test. For an up to date scoring document please visit our website:

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* If UCAT is not available for 2021 entry cycle we will amend our pre-interview scoring.



Q: Do you look at personal statements?

A: We do not routinely read personal statements as we do not use them to score applications. They may, however, be used in borderline or tie breaker situations. If used we look for your ability to reflect on the experiences you have gained.

Q. Do you have a minimum work experience requirement?

A: We do not have a minimum and think that many life experiences offer personal and professional development opportunities that are relevant for a medical career. We are more interested in what you have learnt from your experiences i.e. your ability to reflect.

In addition, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are aware that all candidates will have had their ability to get clinical experience limited, so will equally value online opportunities or community volunteering.





Interviews and decisions

Q: What is your style of interview?

A: Our interviews use the Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI) style, and consist of individual mini-interviews or ‘stations’ which can assess your:

- Verbal communication
- Written communication
- Listening
- Compassion, respect and dignity
- Emotional intelligence
- Problem solving
- Motivation
- Ethical Judgment

Q: When are interviews?

A: Interviews are planned for December, January and February*. Adjusted interviews will only take place in February. Dates are released via our website nearer the time.

Q: When will I hear if I have got an interview/offer?

A: Steps 1-6 in the timeline on the following page will help to give you an idea of what is likely to happen to your applications at different stages in the cycle.

Q: What should I wear for my interview?

A: We would suggest you wear a smart shirt and trousers or skirt. You do not need to wear a suit.

Q: How can I prepare for my interview?

A: We do not think there is any need to attend courses. We would suggest practising answering questions relating to your personal statement and current topical developments; and thinking about the values and personal qualities stated in the NHS Constitution.

* Dates and format may change depending on the Covid-19 pandemic.



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Timeline

1. Open days

Join us virtually and chat with staff and our current medical students about their experience here at Leicester!

www.le.ac.uk/open-days

2. UCAS medicine deadline (15 October)*

Around 2,000 applications are received, sorted and scored. Applications are scored according to their categories.

- Predicted A levels or equivalent
- Achieved A levels or equivalent
- Graduate applicants
- Access to Medicine
- International

* At the time of printing UCAS had not changed this.

3. UCAT scores added (November)*

UCAT scores are added to academic score. UCAT (Pearson Vue) releases test results early November.

* If there is no 2020 UCAT then step omitted.

4. Multi mini interviews (December – February)

96 applicants per day are interviewed*.

Applications are ranked and top scorers start to receive interview invites to

Multi Mini Interviews. Over 1,000 interviews are conducted generating 864 individual station scores per day to verify and record.

* This may change depending on social distancing regulations.

5. Interview scores ranked (Early February – March)

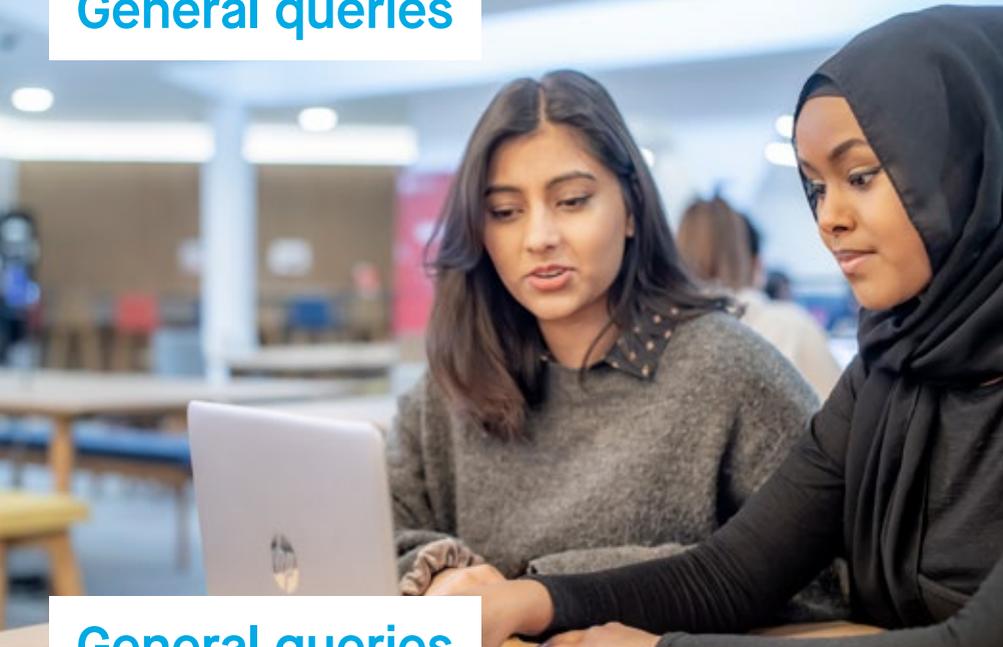
Interview scores are ranked and top scoring applicants start receiving offers.

We aim to make decisions on all applications as soon as possible. Over 750 offers are made, requiring inputting of more than 3,000 qualification documents,

The number of students that medical schools can enrol is tightly regulated by the Government. To ensure we don't inadvertently exceed our numbers we wait to see the conversion rate of those accepting us as firm and make more offers if we can. That means some applicants get late offers.

6. Visit days (March – April)

Offer holders have the opportunity to visit the campus and experience taster lectures.



General queries

Q: How many places do you have?

A: We have 290 places, 18 of those are for international applicants.

Q: Do you accept A level resits?

A: Candidates who attain AAB or ABB at first sitting can apply with predicted A/AA in their resits.

Candidates with lower initial grades need to submit mitigation. If this is accepted by the admissions tutor then they need to resit and if they attain AAA they can then apply with completed grades. We will not consider applications with predicted grades in this scenario.

Q: Because of Covid-19 I want to resit Year 12. Is this allowed?

A: Since all students are in the same situation then Covid-19 per se would not be considered a reason to resit Year 12.

Q: Do you consider deferred applications?

A: Absolutely. Applicants are not treated any differently. We prefer to know sooner than later. We have a deadline for requests of 1 April. This is because of our number cap and need to get our offer numbers correct.

Q: Will applying for mitigation harm/hinder my application?

A: Not at all. If your mitigation has not been accepted then it makes no difference at all.

You are treated like any other applicant. If it has been accepted then you may be awarded extra academic points. If you have submitted all your evidence before our deadlines the admissions tutors will have communicated their decision to you in advance.

Please note that the acceptance of mitigation is not a guarantee of reaching the interview stage.

Q: I have mitigating circumstances, how do I inform you of this?

A: If you have any mitigating circumstances you would like us to consider then you need to email us at medadmis@le.ac.uk preferably including your UCAS number. Please note we will not accept academic results below our minimum even with mitigation. Resits will need to be undertaken.

Mitigation must be submitted by 1 October. If you submit your mitigation by 31 August then you will receive a decision by an Admissions Tutor before the UCAS Deadline. However if you submit your mitigation after 31 August we will be unable to provide you with a decision before the UCAS deadline i.e. you will not know whether we have accepted it or not.

Each mitigating circumstances submission is subject to the discretion of an Admissions Tutor and/or Admissions Group, therefore an immediate decision cannot be given over the phone.

Q: I have a health condition/specific learning condition (eg dyslexia), will it have an impact if I declare this on my UCAS form?

A: When it comes to scoring and selection for interview absolutely not.

If you are invited to interview we will ask for evidence so that we can ensure you have the right support/adjustments at interview. If you have a health condition and are subsequently made an offer, although all offers are subject to a satisfactory Occupational Health screen, you may be asked to have a formal Occupational Health assessment to ensure that you can meet the outcomes of the course and to assess any support or adjustments you may need (please see the HEOPS website www.heops.org.uk/guide.php).





Course queries

Q: Do you offer full cadaveric dissection?

A: Yes we do. We have a large dissection room that is fitted with many online learning tools eg Apple TVs. Each small group of 8-10 students has their own cadaver.

Q: Do you offer PBL learning

A: No, although we do have a lot of group work that is supervised by clinical teaching fellows and academics.

Q: What does a week look like?

A: Usually there will be a mixture of lectures and group work either in the morning or the afternoon; with sessions learning about clinical skills or dissection as well. There is plenty of time for individual learning.

Q What format do exams take?

A: We run formative and summative examinations. They take the form of Single Best Answer (SBA), Short Answer Questions (SAQs) and Objective Structured Clinical Exams (OSCEs).

Q: When will I receive my free iPad?

A: At induction.

Q: Do I need to buy a stethoscope?

A: You will be given a voucher on enrolment so that you can choose one to your liking.

Q: Do you offer the opportunity to intercalate?

A: We actively encourage either iBSc or iMSc (the latter can only occur after Year 3). You may also choose to intercalate at another institution.





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