Admissions Policy for Undergraduate programmes in Medicine and Dentistry, 2022 application and for 2023/2024 entry
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The purpose of this document is to ensure a fair and transparent process of admission to undergraduate medical and dental programmes within the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. The policy provides clear procedural guidance to applicants and to staff involved in the administration of the admissions process.

The policy has been written in line with UCAS guidelines and recommendations outlined in the Admissions to Higher Education Review "Fair Admissions to Higher Education: Recommendations for Good Practice” and the Medical Schools Council Guiding Principles for the Admission of Medical Students (2004).

Scope

This policy covers admissions to undergraduate programmes in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, which are as follows:

- Five year MBBS programme (A100)
- Four year Graduate Entry MBBS programme (A101)
- Three year Direct Clinical Entry (including Oxbridge, International Medical University Malaysia (IMU), and St Andrews Transfers) (A300)
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)/Oral Medicine programme (A30X)
- Five year BDS programme (A200)
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Equality and Diversity Statement

Queen Mary University of London firmly and actively promotes equality in line with the 2010 Equality Act to avoid discrimination.

Applicants with disabilities are welcome, please seek advice from the admissions team well before the deadline for UCAS applications so that your case can be given individual attention and consideration. Applicants are advised to seek advice by 1st October in the year of application. Candidates admitted to our programmes need to be eligible for registration by the GMC and or the GDC on graduation. Applicants that have declared a disability will receive a letter from the Head of Admissions (Medicine and Dentistry) prior to interview to ensure we can accommodate any specific needs. If you are offered a place on the course, we will send information regarding the requirement for prior assessment. This will be in the form of a confidential health questionnaire which follows the HEOPS guidance https://heops.org.uk/, but also we will ask you to make contact with our Disability and Dyslexia Service http://www.dds.qmul.ac.uk/. This is so that a discussion of reasonable adjustment or discussion of your assessment of needs report can be made prior to the 31st July in the year of intended enrolment.

All staff involved in the admissions process are aware of their responsibility to implement the University’s Policy on Equal Opportunities/Equality and Diversity. Interview panel members receive compulsory training in selection with particular emphasis on equal opportunities.

Application Process

All applications must be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS), by 15th October each year, including students who are applying for the St Andrews – Bart’s route who should make an application to St Andrews. The only exception to this is for Oxford and Cambridge clinical applicants, International Medical University (IMU), and dental graduates applying for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)/Oral Medicine programme (A300) who should apply directly. The deadline for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)/Oral Medicine programme (A30X) is 15th December each year.

Entry Requirements for the Five Year Programmes

Please note these are the absolute MINIMUM entry requirements we will consider BUT because it is very competitive entry they will NOT guarantee an interview or offer of a place.
GCSE AND iGCSE

All eligible applicants must have the following subjects at GCSE or iGCSE level, with minimum grades AAAABB or 777666 or any combination thereof, (in any order) to include Biology (or Human Biology), Chemistry, English Language and Mathematics or Additional Mathematics or Statistics. The Science double award may substitute any individual science at GCSE.

Applicants applying with A level results from 2017 onwards

Required minimum grades are A*AA for Medicine and Dentistry. The 3 scoring A levels must be achieved in one sitting and not taken over a period of more than 2 years unless protected under the Equality Act 2010 and applied and agreed by the extenuating circumstances panel. For students taking Science A levels offered by awarding bodies in England a pass in the practical assessment is also required.

A level subjects:
1. Chemistry or Biology
2. Another Science or Maths (from the following list: Chemistry, Biology, Physics, or Maths)
3. Any A level except Critical Thinking, General Studies or Further Maths if Maths is offered as A level 1 or 2.

All candidates, irrespective of the year of sitting the qualifications, who declare in their application or interview an intention to sit more than the minimum number of examinations/qualification or other qualifications, in order to gain enhanced UCAS tariff points, are required to sit all those examinations to be considered for entry, even if they can achieve their ‘offer’ by sitting a smaller number. This requirement may only be waived by applying in advance in writing to the Head of Admissions (Medicine and Dentistry) for permission to change the planned number of examinations taken. Permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Head of Admissions (Medicine and Dentistry), and will normally only be given where there are documented extenuating circumstances.

We will only consider applicants who retake the AS and A level year if they have serious extenuating circumstances protected under the Equality Act 2010 (Disability¹, gender reassignment, or pregnancy/maternity). Applicants must apply in writing with all the evidence to the Head of Admissions (Medicine and Dentistry). The extenuating circumstances panel will assess all evidence and make a final decision. Applicants must apply by 1st October for a decision to be reached prior to the 15 October application deadline. Late applications may be considered but a decision may not be reached by the 15th October. Other serious extenuating circumstances will not be considered.

Applicants applying with A level results from or prior to 2016

AS/Levels

Candidates must have taken both Chemistry and Biology as two of their AS level subjects. Where either Chemistry or Biology was dropped before A2, a minimum of a B grade must have been attained in that subject at
AS level. In addition to the three A2 levels (see below), the candidates must have attained a fourth subject at AS level at minimum grade B.

**A level (A2)**

Required minimum grades are A*AA for Medicine and Dentistry. The 3 scoring A levels must have been achieved in one sitting and not taken over a period of more than 2 years unless protected under the Equality Act 2010 and applied and agreed by the extenuating circumstances panel. As stated above, all applicants must offer both Chemistry and Biology at AS level, and at least one of Chemistry or Biology at A level. Where Chemistry or Biology was not taken to A level, a minimum B grade is required at AS level.

A second science subject is also required (of which we only accept Chemistry, Biology, Physics, or Maths), and the third A2 may be any science or arts subject. General Studies or Critical Thinking are not acceptable at AS or A level as part of the academic entry requirements. If A level Maths and Further Maths are offered, Further Maths is acceptable at AS level only and thus may count as ‘the fourth’ AS level, but the candidate must offer two other subjects at A2 level.

For candidates offering four A levels, two science and two other subjects (including non-science subjects), our normal offer is A*AA (A grades required in two science subjects one of which must be Biology or Chemistry) if no AS levels have been cashed.

**Other acceptable qualifications**

International Baccalaureate. The full International Baccalaureate Diploma is acceptable as an entry qualification. Three subjects including Chemistry or Biology and one other science or mathematical subject must be taken at Higher level, and three subjects at Standard level including Chemistry or Biology if not offered at Higher level. If English Language is not offered as part of the diploma, it must be offered at GCSE or iGCSE, minimum grade B or 6, or acceptable equivalent. The minimum requirement is for 38 points in total with a minimum of 6 points in the higher level science subjects and 6 points in the third higher level subject.

Scottish Advanced Highers. Scottish Highers are not accepted alone, Advanced Highers must also be offered. Candidates must offer: three Scottish Highers at grades AAA including Biology and Chemistry. Candidates must offer grades at AA in Advanced Highers in two of the subjects offered at Scottish Highers including Chemistry and/or Biology. English Language at Standard Grade 2 or higher is required.

Cambridge Pre-U. The full Diploma is accepted with grades of D3 or higher in three subjects including Biology and/or Chemistry. If either Chemistry or Biology is offered alone, a second science subject is required. An additional Short-Course in any subject is required at grade M2.

European Baccalaureate. Chemistry and Biology are required with a minimum grade of 8.5 in each of these two options and a grade of 85% is required overall. Passes at GCSE or iGCSE at minimum grade B or 6 or an acceptable equivalent in Mathematics and English Language if they are not offered as part of the Baccalaureate.

Advanced Placement Program. An average GPA of 3.3 or higher in the High School Diploma, including a minimum grade B in English Language. At least 3 Advanced Placement (AP) examinations with grades of 5, 5, 4 or higher; two of these subjects must be Biology and Chemistry.
Irish Leaving Certificate. A1 A1 A1 A2 B1 B1 at Higher level including A1 in Chemistry and Biology, or H1 H1 H1 H2 H2 H2 at Higher level including H1 in Chemistry and Biology.

NUS High School of Mathematics and Science. The NUS High School Diploma should be offered with 3.6 CAP in Yrs 3-6 and 4.0 CAP in Yrs 5-6. Students must also have taken at least three Advanced Placement examinations and achieve grades of 5, 5, 4. Two of these subjects must be Biology and Chemistry.

Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE). Level 5 in English Language and Mathematics and level 3 in Chinese and Liberal Studies. Level 5 in 3 elective subjects.

Level 5 is needed in Chemistry and Biology. Hong Kong Advanced Level Examinations (HKALE) AAA Chemistry and Biology are needed.

Singapore Integrated Programme Cambridge A levels (SIPCAL). Grades AAA at H2 level including 2 science subjects (Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Maths) as per UK A levels.

Australian Qualifications. Applicants are required to have a UAI/TER/ENTER/ATAR score of at least 98.00. In addition Chemistry and Biology must have been studied within year 12.

Indian Qualifications. Central Boards (CBSE, ISC) and West Bengal Board 90 per cent Standard XII including Biology and Chemistry with 90 per cent in these and Standard X 85 per cent in Biology, Chemistry, English and Maths. State board qualifications other than West Bengal, 95 per cent Standard XII including Biology and Chemistry with 95 per cent in these and Standard X 90 per cent in Biology, Chemistry, English and Maths. Applicants must pass the National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) mandatory for those students who wish to study medicine outside India.

Israel's Bagrut Examinations. 90 per cent or 9/10 overall, with at least three subjects at 5 units. A minimum of six subjects must be studied Bagrut with 90 per cent or 9/10 overall, with at least three subjects at 5 units. A minimum of six subjects must be studied.

Canadian Qualifications. Entry requirements differ depending on province (please see below table) and in addition Year 12 must include Chemistry and one other science (Biology, Maths or Physics). The average will be calculated looking at academic subjects. Chemistry must be studied in Year 11 with a minimum score of 85 per cent.

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<td>General High School Diploma with a minimum of 90 per cent in five acceptable grade 12 courses.</td>
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<td>British Columbia</td>
<td>British Columbia Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma with 93 per cent in at least five acceptable grade 12 subjects.</td>
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<td>Manitoba</td>
<td>High School Graduation Diploma with five credits awarded at the 300 Level in at least four subject areas while achieving 90 per cent in each.</td>
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<td>New Brunswick</td>
<td>High School Graduation Diploma with a minimum of 90 per cent in at least five acceptable subjects.</td>
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<td>Newfoundland or North West Territories</td>
<td>Graduate Certificate with minimum of 90 per cent in at least five acceptable subjects at grade 12 level.</td>
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<td>Nova Scotia</td>
<td>High School Completion Certificate with minimum of 90 per cent in at least five acceptable subjects in the Honours University Preparatory Courses (denoted by a 5) or in University Preparatory Courses (denoted by a 4).</td>
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<td>Ontario</td>
<td>A minimum of 90 per cent in six grade 12 courses, at least five of which must be University Preparatory Courses (denoted by 4U). The sixth course could be a University/College Preparation Course (denoted by 4U/C). NB: CU and DU courses are considered on a case-by-case basis with advice from your school and our international representative.</td>
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<td>Prince Edward Island</td>
<td>High School Graduate Diploma with a minimum of 90 per cent in at least five acceptable subjects at grade 12.</td>
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<td>Diplome D'Etudes Collégiales (DEC)/Diploma of Collegial Studies (DCS) with a minimum of 90 per cent.</td>
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<td>Saskatchewan</td>
<td>Complete Division IV Standing with a minimum of 90 per cent in at least five acceptable subjects.</td>
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<td>Yukon Territory</td>
<td>Senior Secondary Graduation Diploma with a minimum of 5As (AAAAA) in acceptable grade 12 courses.</td>
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**Qualifications which do meet our entry requirements**

The following qualifications are not considered for entry into Medicine or Dentistry, this list is not exhaustive but names the many common qualifications:

- BTEC HNC/HND
- GNVQ/AVCE/Applied A levels
- City and Guilds
- Open University course credits
- Foundation, pre-medical/dental programmes or access courses from another other institution
- Equivalent high school qualifications from other countries not listed above.

Qualifications from other countries may not be acceptable for entry to the MBBS or BDS courses. Graduates with a non-UK degree must send full transcripts, including certified translations where the original is not in English, prior to application submission in order to be considered.
English Language qualifications
Applicants are required to meet our published English Language Requirements. Our acceptable English Language qualifications are available on our website.

Graduates and mature students
Graduates are eligible to apply for Medicine and Dentistry (A100, A101 and A200). The minimum academic entry requirements are an upper second class honours (2:1) degree. Degrees are divided into three categories.

- Bioscience degrees which DO contain sufficient biology and chemistry - no further A or AS level requirements.
- Science degrees which lack biology or chemistry then candidates must have a minimum A or AS level grade C for biology and/or chemistry (depending on what is missing in your degree).
- Non-science degrees. Candidates must have a minimum B grade A or AS level in chemistry or biology, plus one other science also at grade B. Accepted science subjects are Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, and Psychology. You may apply with achieved or predicted grades. It is acceptable for a graduate applicant to take their required AS/A levels in order to achieve a grade B during or after their degree.

Non-UK graduates are required to send a full transcript of their degree prior to making an application, which will be considered on a case by case basis.

Only an applicant’s first degree is considered, and candidates are required to complete their degree within the minimum prescribed period allowed by their University, excluding any periods of intermission or interruption granted on grounds relating to serious extenuating circumstances protected under the Equality Act 2010.

Applications from candidates who are in their last year of the degree are accepted provided they are predicted to achieve an upper second class honours (2:1) degree or above. If these applicants are offered a place, they must have completed this degree prior to enrolment. Applicants are not accepted from degree students in the first or second year of their degree.

Students who have commenced a medical or dental degree at any school within the UK or internationally and have either voluntarily withdrawn, or have been deregistered by the university are not eligible to apply. Transfers are not accepted from other university medical and dental schools.

Entry Requirements for the Maxillofacial Surgery/Oral Medicine programme (A30X)
Applicants must have completed, or be about to complete, and have passed all three parts of the MFDS or both parts of the MJDF or equivalent.

This route to the MBBS is especially competitive and all applicants will be expected to show evidence of commitment and at least twelve months’ clinical experience in their chosen field. Membership of the British
Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS) or the British Society for Oral Medicine (BSOM) is essential.

There are up to 10 places available each year and this route is only open to UK applicants.

Non-academic entry requirements

Age Requirements
All students for the MBBS programme must be at least 18 years old at the start of the programme. Applicants who are within weeks of being 18 at the start of the course must, along with their parents, follow the QMUL Under 18 Policy which can be found at http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/policy/. Applicants who will be under the age of 18 by the start of the programme can apply for deferred entry so that they will meet the minimum age requirement by the start of the course.

Applicants from countries outside the UK and Ireland
The School has a number of places for international students for medical and dental courses. The minimum academic entry criteria are essentially the same as for home students. International applicants are ranked against other international applicants in the selection process.

Deferred Entry (Gap year students)
Applications for deferred entry for A100, A101 and A200 requested through UCAS by the 15th October deadline will be accepted and applicants assessed in the cycle in which they apply. Applicants who apply by the UCAS deadline but do not request deferred entry until after application will be considered on a case by case basis.

Number of places available for 2023 entry
The number of places expected to be available on the 2023 Medicine and Dentistry programmes are as follows:

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<td>Up to 24</td>
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<td>5-year MBBS programme in Medicine for WP</td>
<td>32 (included in the 305)</td>
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<td>4-year MBBS programme (GEP) in Medicine</td>
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5-year BDS programme in Dentistry 67 Up to 4

Up to 24 places in total are available for international applicants across both Medicine programmes and up to 4 places in total are available for international applicants on the Dental programme.

Selection process and sequence

Applications are firstly reviewed within the Admissions team to check that they meet the minimum academic requirements based on achieved/predicted grades. Any applications which do not meet the minimum academic requirements will be rejected at this point.

Applicants will be selected for interview on the basis of a weighted score compared to other applicants who apply in the same year, and may be comprised of UCAT score, UCAS tariff of qualifications predicted or achieved or weighted scoring of degrees for graduates. Selection after interview may consider all assessment factors: interview score, situational judgement test, UCAS tariff points from predicted/achieved qualifications, and UCAT score.

A100, A101 and A200 applicants with an overall score within the third decile range or above in the UCAT and who meet our minimum academic entry criteria will be given a score for their UCAS tariff based on achieved/predicted grades for all tariffable qualifications, or a weighted score for International applicants and for graduates based on degree classification. Candidates will be expected to achieve or be predicted a minimum UCAS tariff of 152 points from the scoring Academic component (A levels, IB, Pre-U etc.). We will use the new UCAS tariff points irrespective of when the qualification was obtained. We aim to interview approximately 800 for A100, 150 for A101 and up to 250 for A200 applicants on the basis of UCAT score and predicted UCAS tariff, or the weighted score for graduates and International students. It is not possible to predict what values to put on the threshold required for interview, nor to use data from previous years to predict subsequent years’ thresholds, since it is essentially competitive and depends on who applies.

Personal Statement and Reference

Personal statements and references are not weighted or scored, but provide the Admissions team with evidence that applicants have a genuine interest in the programme to which they are applying. Personal statements should be specific to the subject to which the applicant has applied or the entire application may be rejected.

Personal statements should provide evidence of commitment to, and realistic appreciation of, the academic, physical and emotional demands of a medical or dental course and career. It is expected that applicants will not merely be applying because they are ‘good at science’, or under family or peer pressure. Exceptional academic achievement does not guarantee success in the application process. Applicants may be closely questioned at interview on their personal statement and must ensure that it is an honest reflection of their strengths and interests. Personal statements must be written entirely by the applicants themselves. Personal statements showing evidence of plagiarism may cause the application to be rejected, irrespective of all other achievements.

In addition to academic ability, selectors will consider interests and talents and the contribution applicants could make to our programme and university. They will also bear in mind the applicant’s suitability as a
future member of the medical or dental profession. Good communication skills and the ability to work as a part of a team are essential strengths for a doctor or dentist.

**Work Experience**

At the interview stage, selectors will determine whether or not applicants have gained experience and understanding from an appropriate amount and type of work experience. We recognize that direct observation of healthcare may be difficult to arrange but applicants should have some experience at working with the public in a caring or service role. We may check work experience references to ensure what has been reported is correct.

Medicine: Selectors strongly recommend that candidates have explored what a career in Medicine entails and this includes some work experience. The interview may explore candidates’ understanding of the realities of a career in Medicine.

Dentistry: Selectors will expect that candidates can demonstrate some knowledge about a career in Dentistry and have gained some work experience in relevant settings.

**University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)**

All applicants to Medicine and Dentistry programmes are required to take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). Applications will not be considered without a UCAT score, unless given an exception from the Head of Admissions (Medicine and Dentistry). Applicants will be rejected if their UCAT score is below the 3rd decile. Please note there is no guarantee that you will be offered an interview if you score above the third decile.

Applicants for the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS)/Oral Medicine programme (A30X), or IMU, Oxbridge, St Andrews Direct Clinical Entrants (A300) are not required to take the UCAT.

**Interviews (A100, A200)**

Given the intense competition for places to study medicine and dentistry, not all applicants are invited to interview and no offers will be given without an interview. Interviews usually take place between January and March and last for 15 to 20 minutes for A100, and between 20 to 30 minutes for A200. Interviews are likely to take place online for 2023 entry and may take place face-to-face or online in subsequent years. The interview panel usually consists of two members of senior clinical or non-clinical staff and a current student. Some panels may also have a lay observer.

The interview is used to assess the applicant's motivation, communication skills, team work skills and personality, and gives applicants a chance to meet the people involved with the course. To assess awareness of the realities of medicine or dentistry, candidates are usually asked about their personal experiences gained through work experience or voluntary work.
For the 5-year MBBS programme (A100) candidates will be asked to be prepared to discuss a case scenario or topical issue, which will be sent to them in advance. There is a video component in the dental (A200) interviews, where applicants watch a video and give their observations on its content. There are no ‘right’ or ‘wrong’ answers in either situation.

As in all aspects of the selection process, reasonable adjustments will be made to help an applicant with a disability. Applicants are advised to contact the Admissions team before the day of the interview to request any adjustments.

**MBBS Graduate Entry Programme (A101) Selection Process**

Queen Mary Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry may operate an assessment centre process if interviews are in person, or a structured panel interview for online interviews. The assessment centre event takes around half a day and involves the completion of observed tasks including a group-based task, and structured interview. Candidates will also be assessed on their commitment to, and realistic appreciation of the academic, physical and emotional demands of a four-year medical programme. Trained assessors will observe applicants completing tasks including a group-based task, and a structured interview, and score applicants on a set of predetermined criteria.

**Offers**

Decisions after interview are made once all interviews have been completed. All offers are conditional on meeting academic requirements, and satisfactory health and Disclosure and Barring Service checks by the required deadlines. All decisions are confirmed through UCAS.

**Other Entry Conditions**

**Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Clearance**

Applicants who have any convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings that are not protected or do not meet the new filtering rules as defined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013) should declare them on the UCAS application. The amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975 (2013) provide that certain spent convictions and cautions are ‘protected’ and are not subject to disclosure to employers and cannot be taken into account.

Applicants who have been offered a place will be asked for further information about any criminal convictions, cautions or other punishments that they may have disclosed. The consideration of an applicant’s criminal record is entirely separate from the selection process for the undergraduate medical or dental courses at Queen Mary University of London to ensure that there can be no bias in the
selection process. The requested information will be processed in line with the university’s criminal convictions policy.

All offers are made subject to satisfactory clearance by the DBS. An Enhanced Clearance check will be required for UK based applicants. The cost of the checks and registration process must be paid by the applicant. Applicants who fail to meet the deadline for submitting their online DBS applications will be rejected even if they have fulfilled the academic conditions of their offers.

Internationally based applicants will be required to undertake an in country police check and submit the outcome to the admissions team by the deadline. Once in the UK and enrolled on the programme, applicants will also need to make a DBS application for an enhanced clearance check before starting clinical placements.

Applicants in receipt of offers are subject to an ongoing obligation to disclose any criminal convictions or other punishment received since they completed their UCAS form and up until the point they register for their course. In such cases, applicants should contact the Admissions team. Failure to do so may result in offers being withdrawn or de-registration from their programme. Failure to make known matters that subsequently appear on a DBS check may be a disciplinary offence, which may result in de-registration from the programme. More details of this process can be found in the Policy for the enrolment of Medical and Dental Students without DBS or Health Clearance.

**Health Questionnaire**

All applicants who are offered a place are required to complete a health questionnaire, which will ask for information about their physical and mental health. All information disclosed is confidential between the applicant and the Occupational Health team (OH) but if it impacts significantly on an individual’s ability to take on the roles and responsibilities of a medical/dental student and doctor/dentist this could, in exceptional cases, result in the withdrawal or non-issue of an offer. Applicants will be asked to disclose whether they have been treated for past illness and the OH may seek further information on this. Applicants who fail to meet the deadline for submitting their completed health questionnaire will be rejected even if they have fulfilled the academic conditions of their offers.

**Blood-Borne Viruses and other infectious diseases**

**Medicine:** All medical students are expected to be vaccinated against hepatitis B and tuberculosis in order to protect both themselves and their patients. This can be undertaken prior to entry or by the OH team. Applicants who are known carriers of a blood-borne virus (BBV) should contact the OHS for further advice. All medical students are offered BBV testing on entry to medical school.

**Dentistry:** All dental students are advised to be vaccinated against hepatitis B before entry in order to protect both them and their patients. A course of Hepatitis B vaccinations can take up to nine months to complete, and so applicants are asked and advised to contact our Occupational Health Department for advice. Students are advised to commence vaccination when the academic requirements of the offer are met but further advice is provided by the OH team.
All students on the 5-year BDS programme perform exposure-prone procedures (EPP) as a routine part of their course. Before receiving full enrolment, they must be able to demonstrate that they are not chronically infected with a blood borne virus – hepatitis B, hepatitis C and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) – by attending an appointment with the OHS for a blood test.

Applicants are encouraged to make an appointment with the OHS once they have received a conditional offer, which they have firmly accepted, to ensure that EPP clearance is achieved before the start of their course. Students will not be able to continue on the programme or attend clinical placement without EPP clearance.

Direct Entry into year 3 for matched programs only Medicine and Dentistry

Medical students from Oxford or Cambridge who have successfully complete their pre-clinical programme and wish to complete their medical training in London can apply for transfer under the common application procedure for the clinical transfer scheme agreed between Oxford, Cambridge, and London.

Students from IMU who wish to apply to London in the 3rd year can apply to IMU under their local scheme.

Students looking to join the St Andrews and Barts (Queen Mary) route should apply to St Andrews, directly. Following the 3 years at St Andrews, students who are selected from this route join the Year 3 of the Queen Mary course for a further 3 clinical years. For further information, please see: http://medicine.st-andrews.ac.uk/pro/barts/

Widening Participation

The school of Medicine and Dentistry has its flagship Bridge the Gap program together with a number of Health Sciences Summer schools. More information on the comprehensive schemes and advice is available at http://www.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/teachers/wp/medicine-and-dentistry/index.html.

All students participating in the Realising Opportunities programme, Bridge the Gap and those flagged for contextual offers via UCAS who meet the minimum entry requirements of AAA and 3rd decile UCAT will automatically be selected for interview for any of the 305 Home places on the A100 5 year program or the 67 Home places on the BDS A200 program dependent on which program they have applied to.
Feedback

Requests for feedback after interview should be made in writing by email to the Admissions Office. Candidates should clearly indicate their full name and address, UCAS number and the programme for which they are requesting feedback. Feedback will normally be provided within 20 working days of receipt of the feedback request. Requests should be sent to smdadmissions@qmul.ac.uk and must be made directly by the candidate and not a third party. Feedback requests made directly to other members of College staff are likely to be delayed, or may not receive a response. Applicants who are rejected prior to interview are informed via UCAS of the reason of their rejection. No further feedback is provided to these applicants.