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1. Introduction

Imperial College receives many Freedom of Information (FOI) Act requests from potential applicants for information about the admissions process for the A100 Medicine programme and for admissions statistics. We have compiled the information below based on commonly received FOI requests. We hope this document and the information available on our website will provide you with all the information that you need. If you want to obtain further information, please contact foi@imperial.ac.uk or, for admissions enquiries please use the [Contact Us](#) page.

2. The admissions process

There is an extensive and thorough admissions process for A100 Medicine, which is outlined below. Please also see the considerable information available on the College's website about Medicine applications: [Medicine MBBS/BSc | Study | Imperial College London](#). Please see in particular the Selection Process and Interview sections.

At an initial stage, all UCAS forms received by the deadline are checked to ensure that candidates have, or are predicted to obtain, the minimum academic entry requirements. Candidates are then only considered if they have taken the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) admissions test in the same year as their application. Candidates are selected for interview based on their UCAT scores. The College calculates threshold UCAT scores each year as a result of ranked candidate UCAT scores versus number of expected interview sessions.

Imperial College School of Medicine switched to the UCAT for 2025 entry, and the current 2026 cycle is the second year that the UCAT has been used as part of its admissions process. The BMAT was used until 2024, when it was discontinued.

3. The interview/selection process

Considerable emphasis is placed on the performance of candidates at interview, and no offer is made to any applicant who has not attended a competitive interview. The format is multiple mini-interviews (MMIs), affording candidates an opportunity to discuss a range of matters in some depth. Although questions and stations may vary through the years, these are the main topics on which candidates are asked questions:

- Teamwork and Leadership
- Motivation to study medicine
- Understanding of the role of a doctor
- Empathy and breaking bad news
- Ethics scenarios
- Data interpretation

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Candidates' answers are scored from a possible 6 points for content (what the candidate says) and 4 points for communication (how the candidate says it) for each interview station. Often there is no right or wrong answer – the interviewers are assessing an ability to explain thinking. If a candidate changes their mind on a specific question half-way through a question, the interviewers will consider the candidate's ability to reflect on their ideas and how they think on their feet.

A candidate will receive a score for each interview station in the MMI. For 2026, the total number of stations in a MMI was six (6). Therefore, a total of six (6) station scores will be received per candidate, and these scores are then combined for the total interview score. The Admissions team will then review the candidate's scores across the MMI to determine whether to make an offer or reject. The threshold score for an offer varies each year, as well as on whether or not the candidate has been classed as a widening participation applicant.

4. What weight is given to the applicant's personal statement?

The personal statement was provided to interviewers assessing **Station 1: Commitment to Medicine** during the MMI process. Applicants were asked questions based on their motivation for studying Medicine and were invited to discuss aspects of their application in more detail. This could include, for example, their understanding of Medicine as a career, evidence of extracurricular interests, or something from their personal statement they would like to expand on. While the personal statement itself is not graded as part of the Medicine shortlisting process, the score for Station 1: Commitment to Medicine carries equal weight to the other 5 MMI stations.

5. Are GCSE results taken into consideration?

GCSE results are not taken into consideration except that, as stated in the published admissions guidance ([Introducing our Imperial Medicine degree | Faculty of Medicine | Imperial College London](#)) it is a requirement to have obtained a grade 6 (previously grade B) in English. Where applicable, the English language requirements also need to be met:
<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/ug/apply/requirements/english/>

6. What UCAT scores do applicants need to achieve?

There are different UCAT thresholds depending on the fee status of a candidate, as well as if the candidate has been classed as a Widening Participation applicant. For 2026 Entry, the following UCAT thresholds were applied:

UCAT Thresholds for Home Applicants

- SJT: Band 3 minimum (Band 4 discounted)
- Minimum threshold Total Score: 2320

UCAT Thresholds for Overseas / European Union / Query Applicants*

- SJT: Band 3 minimum (Band 4 discounted)
- Minimum threshold Total Score: 2310

*Candidates who hold a query status may be invited based on Overseas Applicant status should they be classed as Overseas.

UCAT Thresholds for Widening Participation Applicants

- SJT: Band 3 minimum (Band 4 discounted)
- Minimum threshold Total Score: 2170

Imperial College School of Medicine is in its second year of using the UCAT. 2025 entry was the first year the School utilised the UCAT for shortlisting, meaning there is no historical UCAT data prior to 2025. For 2026 entry, the UCAT format changed. The Abstract Reasoning subtest was removed, leaving three cognitive subtests: Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making, and Quantitative Reasoning, alongside the Situational Judgement Test (SJT). As a result, the total

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cognitive score is now out of 2700 (previously 3600), with each cognitive section scored from 300 to 900. The SJT continues to be scored separately in Bands 1–4, with Band 1 being the highest.

7. How many applications were received and how many offers were made, for how many places?

The School of Medicine’s target intake number is 345. This number is capped by the government and consists of 271 Home and 74 Overseas places.

Imperial College publishes undergraduate admissions statistics for the past 5 completed admissions cycles. These include:

- Number of applicants, offers and places confirmed
- Average BMAT (until 2024) and UCAT (from 2025) scores
- Details of A level and IB offers made
- New entrants’ achieved A level and IB grades
- Admissions rate by nationality

The published information can be accessed at the transparency pages of our website: [Transparency information | Administration and support services | Imperial College London](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page to the link “Download the Undergraduate Admission Statistics 2020-2024”). Information is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act (Section 21) if it is already reasonably accessible to the requester. The published figures are updated annually (usually in January/February). Information that is intended for future publication is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act by virtue of Section 22 of the Act (scroll to the bottom of the page to the link “Download the Undergraduate Admission Statistics”). Information is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act (Section 21) if it is already reasonably accessible to the requester. The published figures are updated annually (usually in January/February). Information that is intended for future publication is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act by virtue of Section 22 of the Act.

8. What predicted grades did applicants have?

It is not possible for the College to provide details of applicants’ predicted grades, or the A Level subjects that applicants are studying. However, Imperial College does publish details of the A Level grades achieved by enrolled students (i.e. successful candidates), see above.

9. How many applicants were invited to interview?

Please see below for total number of students invited to interview between the admission years 2020 - 2026.

| A100 Invited to Interview - All | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| 1245 | 1065 | 902 | 975 | 844 | 852 | 870 |

| A100 Invited to Interview - International students | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
| 126 | 129 | 146 | 135 | 226 | 280 | 253 |