



# **Medical Biosciences Admissions**

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All applications to both degrees in the Medical Biosciences programme (B101 and B111) will be handled as a single applicant group.

Entry requirements to both degrees are identical.

There are no quotas or preferences for either degree.

## Entry Requirements

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The most common qualifications that our applicants offer are:

- A-levels
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

We also accept a wide variety of other international qualifications.

## Minimum Entry Requirements - A-Level

A-Level AAA minimum (also Scottish Advanced Highers, SEAB (Singapore) and HK A-levels)

- A-grade Biology or Human Biology
- A-grade Chemistry, Physics, Maths or Further Maths
- A-grade in another subject (not Critical thinking or General Studies) (if offering an A-grade in either Maths or Further Maths then the third A-grade must be in a non-Maths subject)
- If a reformed A-level has a reported practical component, we normally expect a pass.



We do not give priority to those offering more than three subjects, but an A\*-grade may enhance your chances of an offer.

# Minimum Entry Requirements – International Baccalaureate



## IB 38 points overall

- 6 (HL) Biology
- 6 (HL) in one of Chemistry, Physics, or Maths
- 5 (SL) English will satisfy the college's English requirement

## Entry Requirements - other non-UK qualifications

- **Irish Leaving Certificate:** 6 subjects at A2 or above- must include Chemistry, Biology and maths/another Science.
- **Indian CISCE–ISC / CBSE–AISSE:** 90% overall, with 90% in three core subjects, including Biology and Chemistry, and either Mathematics or Physics.
- **EB:** 85% overall, 9 Biology, 9 Chemistry or Maths, 6.5 English. (*the 9s might be lowered*)
- **FB:** 16 overall, 16 Chemistry, 16 Biology
- **AP:** 5 Chemistry, 5 Biology, 5 Any other Maths or Science subject
- **Many others acceptable – please enquire.**

## Entry Requirements - English Language Requirement



UK applicants normally expected to have a B-grade in GCSE English.

For applicants from a non-native English-speaking background, the College's higher level English language requirement is IELTS 7.0, or equivalent.

Many different ways to satisfy the English requirement, including English qualifications in international exams systems.

## How we assess applications



We do not interview or require an entrance exam.

In addition to the exam requirements, we assess applications using:

- the personal statement
- the reference

# Personal Statement I



-This is the section of the UCAS application where applicants have most independent input, and causes anxiety in some applicants.



**What are we looking for?**

No “ideal” applicant – we encourage individuals with a wide variety of interests, and from all backgrounds, to apply.

However, we do expect applicants to have a number of qualities.....

## Personal Statement II

### A strong personal statement will:

- Provide evidence of strong interest in, and understanding of, the science behind human health and disease or bioscience, in general.
- Indicate an appetite for problem-solving.
- Show that the applicant is enthusiastic, curious, creative, critical and resilient.
- Demonstrate the applicant's ability to work independently, as well as part of a team.

(This is a lot to ask from a statement, but much of what we ask for is commonly asked for by many courses. *The reference will also provide this information.*)

## Personal Statement III

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### Some specifics....

We do not require work-experience, but, if you have it, we would like to hear about it.

Work-experience can be related to Medical Biosciences.....

.....or, be paid part-time/summer jobs and volunteering.

Tell us a bit about your interests outside of science.....

..... these can be anything.

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Please ask us any questions about the admissions process.

If you have any questions, email:

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