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

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.**
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
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.....
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.)
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.
Please ask us any questions about the admissions process.

If you have any questions, email:

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