We have now updated our webpages ready for applicants and potential applicants seeking entry in 2018 (the UCAS 2017-18 cycle). This document contains a copy of the MBChB Admissions Webpages that were posted 2017-17 for applicants seeking entry in September 2017.

How to apply
Applications for Medicine are made through UCAS (University and Colleges Admissions Service, www.ucas.com).

Application should be made for:

A100 course - Entry to the first year of the course - entry to Phase 1 is for students who have studied the relevant science subjects.

Applying for a place to study Medicine is extremely competitive. We have 237 places on the course. For entry in 2016 we received over 2,200 applications. Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications we receive we are unable to consider any late applications. The UCAS application deadline is 15 October 2016.

Completing your UCAS form
You have four choices available for Medical School applications and you should choose carefully on the basis of the grades that you have obtained or are expected to obtain and the entry requirements of each university. Medical courses at different universities are taught differently, and you should choose those institutions whose teaching style matches your learning preference. Your fifth choice may be left blank or used to apply for another degree course of your choice. You may apply for deferred entry if you wish and your application will not be disadvantaged.

You should ensure that you accurately complete in full the details of your qualifications. You must include details of the title of your qualifications including the examining board, subjects studied and results obtained. If you have not yet obtained your results it is important that your referee completes your predicted grades. Please be as clear as possible and avoid any ambiguity.

What our students say...

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The decision of what and where to study at University is undoubtedly one of the biggest decisions I have ever had to make. Studying Medicine had always been my dream and I was looking for a Medical School where I would feel supported, valued and inspired to achieve my potential. Sheffield has definitely not disappointed.

It is strange to look back at the person I was when I arrived at Medical School. The prospect of studying for 5 years was daunting and I found it hard to imagine that I would ever have the skills, knowledge and confidence to work as a Doctor. Now, as the prospect of graduate approaches I am amazed to look back and realise all the ways in which I have grown and developed.

I find it hard to imagine that there could be a more welcoming place to study Medicine. The strong sense of community within both the Medical School and the wider University allowed me to settle quickly into both the course and my new home. One of the most common themes that comes up when talking to other students here is that it feels as though we are all working together and supporting one another on our journey to becoming Doctors.

Here at Sheffield our course focuses on the patient. Early clinical attachments and opportunities to meet and learn from patients help boost your confidence and skills in dealing with patients as well as providing the clinical context for the medical sciences we are learning. From third year onwards, the balance shifts and clinical attachments become the main focus of our learning with lectures and tutorials underpinning the experiences we are having in Hospital or Primary care.

I have loved my time at Sheffield Medical School and would encourage anyone who is interested in studying Medicine to come and have a look for yourself!

KIRSTY MCLAUGHLAN, MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT
Academic Entry Requirements and UKCAT – 2017 Entry

Entry Requirements
Please note that these requirements are the minimum required in order to be considered for entry to the Medicine course. For 2016 entry we received approximately 2200 applications for 237 places with the majority of these meeting at least the minimum academic requirements. As our selection procedure takes into account academic achievements applicants will be assessed on the results (achieved and/or predicted) of all their qualifications. Due to the competitive nature of applying for the course most candidates selected to attend a multiple mini interview usually far exceed our minimum requirements. Please note that meeting the minimum entry requirements does not guarantee an invitation to interview or the offer of a place.

It is required that all examinations at each level be taken in one sitting. Unfortunately we are unable to consider examinations taken early or resit examinations. Please note that A Levels in Critical Thinking and General Studies are not acceptable. We will not consider A Level Further Mathematics for candidates who hold Mathematics A Level.

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UKCAT
All applicants applying to study Medicine at the University of Sheffield will need to undertake the UK Clinical Aptitude Test for Medicine and Dentistry (UKCAT) in order to be eligible for admission. The test must be taken prior to your application, details of test dates and how to register can be found on the UKCAT website which can be accessed from the link on the right. Please note that test results are only valid for the current admissions cycle, if you re-apply to this medical School you will need to sit the test again. In addition to the academic requirements, candidates must have achieved a score of 1850/2700 or above to be given consideration. Candidates must meet BOTH the academic entry requirements AND the UKCAT entry requirements. The Situational Judgement Test (SJT) component is considered for those applicants who are invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview.

How the UKCAT has changed for applicants seeking entry in 2017
UKCAT has removed the Decision Analysis subtest. In 2016 UKCAT will be piloting a new test of Decision Making and neither candidates nor Universities will receive a score for this subtest. This means that in 2016 only, candidates and universities will receive a total cognitive scaled score for the sum of the three remaining cognitive section (Verbal Reasoning/Quantitative Reasoning/Abstract Reasoning), ranging from 900 to 2700, instead of 1200 to 3600. Candidates will continue to receive their SJT results in one of four bands.

GCSE Requirements
Applicants for the A100 programme must meet the following GCSE minimum requirements:

- You should have at least eight GCSE subjects at grades A*-C. Of these, you must have six A grades in GCSE subjects that have been taken in one sitting.
- GCSE passes at grade C or above in Mathematics, English and the Sciences (which may be dual awards).
- The six A grades may include Mathematics, English and the sciences.
- Acceptable science GCSEs include: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology, Sciences (dual awards)

**Please note:**
- The GCSE requirements should have been met by the point of application.
- The relevant GCSEs should be studied for no longer than two years.
- The six A grades must all be obtained in the same sitting. The other two GCSEs needed to meet the requirement of at least eight GCSEs in total do not have to be taken at the same time as the six A grades.
- The required C grades in Mathematics, English and the Sciences do not need to be obtained in the same year as the six A grades.
- We do not accept GCSE resits.

Applicants taking GCSEs graded using the new numerical system will need to obtain eight GCSEs graded 9-4, of these you must have six 7 grades taken in one sitting. Non-GCSE qualifications (such as Level 2 OCR qualifications) taken alongside GCSEs are not considered as equivalent and do not count towards meeting the GCSE requirement. If you have not studied GCSEs but have studied an equivalent international qualification, please contact the Medical Admissions Office for information about the acceptability of the qualifications and required levels of achievement.

**English Language Requirements**
The required grade for GCSE English Language varies depending on whether you are applying as a UK/EU applicant or as International applicant:

- **UK/EU applicants** must hold a Grade C or higher at GCSE English Language.
- **UK/Home applicants holding GCSE English as a Second Language or Edexcel iGCSE English Language B** are required to hold a Grade B or higher.
- For International applicants, the grade required depends on the qualifications taken and the examining body. For more information, please see the University Guidance (see the third table at this link, titled "UK Qualifications" for details of the required grades for various GCSE and iGCSE English Language Qualifications.

We are not able to consider the following English Language qualifications for entry to our Medicine course:

- Anglia Examinations in English
- Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)
- Cambridge preliminary English Test (PET)
- City and Guilds (I)ESOL
- Key English Test (KET)
- London Chamber of Commerce: English for Business
- Malaysian Certificate of Educational English Language
- Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency
Acceptable English Language qualifications

AS Level Requirements
There are no AS requirements for the A100 programme. Where an applicant holds AS Levels, they will not be considered as part of the application.

A Level Requirements
Our offer for subjects taken as A Level is AAA to include Chemistry and one other science (Maths, Physics, Biology or Psychology). Applicants who do not yet hold A Levels at the time of application must have predicted grades of at least AAA. Please note the following:

- The three A Levels should be studied for no longer than two years, must be passed on the first attempt and must all be taken in one sitting.
- Where an A Level has a separately graded practical component, this practical component is required and a passing grade must be obtained.
- We are unable to consider A Level resits or examinations taken early.
- Please note that A Level Critical Thinking and A Level General Studies do not count towards meeting our A Level requirement.
- We will not consider A Level Further Mathematics for candidates who hold A Level Mathematics.

Other Qualifications
Our usual offer for other qualifications is:
- Scottish Highers - AAAAB plus Advanced Highers grades AA in Chemistry and another science subject.
- Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced Diploma - grade A, plus grades AA in two A Levels, subjects must include Chemistry and another science subject (Biology, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology).
- Irish Leaving Certificate - AAAAAAB with A in Chemistry and another science subject.
- International Baccalaureate - 36 points overall with 6s in Higher Level subjects (to include Chemistry and another science subject) and no less than 4 in Standard level subjects. *(Subsequent to the publication of the MBChB Course Brochure - the University of Sheffield now recognises 36 points equivalent to AAA at A Level.)*
- Higher Level Qualifications - Please see tab

Unfortunately, we are not able to consider the following qualifications for entry to our Medicine course:
- Bedales Examinations
- BTECs
• HE Diplomas
• International Certificate of Christian Education
• Masters degrees. (Bachelors Degrees are considered under Higher Level Qualifications)
• PhDs

Higher Level Qualifications
Graduates will be expected to hold at least a 2:1 Bachelors degree in any subject. In addition, graduate applicants must have grades of at least BBB at A Level, one of which must be Chemistry.

Please note:
• All three A Levels must have been taken in the same sitting and passed on the first attempt.
• We do not accept resits at A Level.
• A Levels in Critical Thinking and General Studies are not accepted for the A100 programme.
• We will not consider A Level Further Mathematics for candidates who hold A Level Mathematics.
• Where a graduate applicant with a 2:1 Bachelor’s degree in any subject has BBB or better at A Level but the pre-degree A Levels do not include Chemistry, we will consider the application if the candidates has taken A Level Chemistry after their Bachelor’s degree and achieved (or is predicted to achieve) a Grade B or higher.
• There are no exemptions from any part of the Medicine course for graduates who hold a science or biomedical science degree.
• Dental Graduates must have the BDS (BChD) or be due to obtain the MFDS or FDS. There are no exemptions from any part of the Medicine course for dental graduates.

International Qualifications
You should write to the Medical Admissions Office with full details of your qualifications, enclosing copies of certificates/transcripts. Normally, International applicants will be expected to hold an acceptable English Language Qualification. If taking the IELTS we require a score of 7.5 overall with no less than 7.0 in each component.

Disrupted Studies
If you are an undergraduate applicant and you have experienced issues of a personal, social or domestic nature that have affected either your post-16 studies, or any GCSE Qualifications that are cited in our course entry requirements, you can let us know by completing our Disrupted Studies form. Details of our Admissions Policy on disrupted studies is available via the download on the right or you can find more information via the following link: Disrupted Studies
A104 Medicine with a Foundation Year
The A104 Medicine with a Foundation Year programme is not available for 2017 entry and applications for this programme will not be considered.
Relevant Work Experience - 2017 Entry
We do not score applicants’ UCAS Personal Statements but the information within them is likely to be discussed as part of the Multiple Mini Interviews. A good Personal Statement will include information on your relevant work experience. Medical Schools expect applicants to have a range of work experience for two reasons. Firstly, this demonstrates that you have a realistic insight to the profession - you are after all committing to a lifetime career when you apply to study Medicine. It is important that you have an understanding of the complex nature of a doctor’s role, as well as being aware of the highs and lows of the profession. Work experience is also important in enabling you to develop (and to demonstrate that you have) the relevant skills and qualities that are essential to becoming a good doctor. A few examples are listed below.

- Ability to overcome setbacks
- Ability to work independently
- A sense of responsibility
- A sense of service to the community
- Communication skills
- Enthusiasm
- Experience of working with diverse groups
- Perseverance
- Self-insight

We recognise that it is not always possible for students to obtain work placements in a medical environment given the limited availability of volunteer placements in hospitals and similar clinical settings. However, in addition to shadowing a GP or other medical practitioner, there are many other areas related to medicine in which you can gain experience. Some examples of these are listed below.

- Paid or voluntary work experience in a residential care home, hospice or similar.
- Working in a youth centre or working with young children.
- Participating in community volunteering schemes.
- Working with a diverse range of people (whether on a paid or voluntary basis).
- Participatory work experience (not simply observing, but a 'hands on' role) is extremely valuable. Many applicants arrange to undertake paid or voluntary work as a Healthcare Assistant. Whatever work experience you have, it is important that you reflect effectively on this in your Personal Statement.

Your Personal Statement should communicate not only what meaningful activities you have undertaken, but also what you have learned from these experiences, particularly in regards to your future as a medical practitioner. A rota of the duties of your job or project involved is not required.
# What Happens To Your Application? 2017 Entry

Our Admissions Selection process comprises three stages, according to the following timeline:

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<td>End of Stage 3: Update: Stage 3 completed 27.02.2017, offers communicated to UCAS for all applicants. Successful applicants should have been notified by 08.03.2017.</td>
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STAGE 1: Academic Attainment and UKCAT Attainment
Applications will initially be checked to determine that they meet our minimum academic requirements. We will look at the results of all your previous qualifications and the predictions of any qualifications that you are currently studying for and on the basis of this, give you an overall grade for your academic ability. Applications that meet the minimum academic and UKCAT requirements progress to Stage 2. Applications that do not meet the minimum academic are deemed unsuccessful.

In Stage 1, applicants compete against the minimum requirements. While many applicants exceed the minimum academic requirements, we do not rank applicants according to academic attainment, and there is no advantage in our selection process to those who exceed the minimum requirements.

STAGE 2: UKCAT Score Ranking
Those applicants who met the minimum academic thresholds and who meet the UKCAT threshold (1850/2700) are ranked according to their UKCAT score. The applicants who have the highest UKCAT scores will be invited to attend for a Multiple Mini Interview. The remaining applicants will be deemed unsuccessful.

There is no compensation between academic attainment and UKCAT attainment - exceeding the academic attainment threshold will not compensate for a lower UKCAT score.

This admissions cycle is the first time we have used the UKCAT in this way. Had we used the UKCAT in 2015-16 in this way, applicants who scored 2700 or higher would have been invited to interview. (This equates to a score of 2030 in the 2016 test, which is out of 2700 instead of 3600). You can find out more about how the UKCAT has changed for 2017 entry here.

In Stage 2, applicants are in competition with one another. Where the cut-point lies will depend on the UKCAT scores of the applicants.

STAGE 3: The Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)
The Medical School will interview approximately 900 candidates for Medicine for 2017 entry. The Medical School uses Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs) as evidence has shown that these are a more reliable and fair means of assessing applicants. Our MMIs are normally held between December and February. For applicants from South East Asia, Medical School staff will be conducting interviews in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, but dates for these have not yet been confirmed.

The Multiple Mini Interviews comprise a series of eight 8-minute stations. The questioning in these stations is typically based around the following areas:

communication skills
- depth and breadth of interests (achievements in specific fields)
- evidence of commitment for caring
- knowledge of and interest in study in Sheffield
- medical work experience /Extended Project Qualification
- motivation for medicine
understanding the nature of medicine
values and attitudes
outside interests

Each station in the MMI is scored as follows:

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In addition to 8 stations in the circuit, applicants' scores in the UKCAT Situational Judgement Test (SJT) will be considered as a ninth virtual station. The UKCAT SJT will contribute to the MMI as follows:

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Interviewers are drawn from medical educationalists, medically qualified senior members of staff, biomedical scientists, junior hospital doctors, senior nurses, senior medical students and lay people. Whilst you will not be questioned on every aspect in your Personal Statement you can expect to be asked about topics or areas that you have mentioned. You can also prepare by reading the NHS Constitution, the General Medical Council's publication Good Medical Practice, and by keeping up to date with recent medical breakthroughs, topical controversies, ethical issues and NHS politics.

Of course your appearance at interview is important. You should dress appropriately and in a professional manner. The conduct of applicants is assessed from the moment that they arrive for their MMIs.

**Values-based Recruitment**

In addition to the values and characteristics mentioned above, the University of Sheffield Medical School is committed to selecting applicants able to demonstrate in their personal statement and at Multiple Mini Interview the core values set out in the NHS Constitution. These core values are summarised as:

Working together for patients, putting the needs of patients and communities first and speaking up when things go wrong.
Respect and dignity, valuing every person - whether patient, their families or carers, or staff - as an individual and taking what others have to say seriously.
Commitment to quality of care, earning the trust placed in the profession by insisting on quality and striving to get the basics of quality of care - safety, effectiveness and patient experience - right every time.

Compassion, ensuring that compassion is central to the care provided and respond with humanity and kindness to each person's pain, distress, anxiety or need. We search for the things we can do, however small, to give comfort and relieve suffering. We find time for patients, their families and carers, as well as those we work alongside.

Improving lives, striving to improve health and wellbeing and people's experiences of the NHS. We cherish excellence and professionalism wherever we find it - in the everyday things that make people's lives better as much as in clinical practice, service improvements and innovation.

Everyone counts, maximising resources for the benefit of the whole community, and making sure nobody is excluded, discriminated against or left behind. Applicants are encouraged to read the full text of the NHS Constitution.

**What Happens after the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)**
During your MMI you will be graded on your performance at each station. Based upon this grading the Director of Undergraduate Medical Admissions will then make the final decision as to whether you are offered a place on the course, held on a reserve list or are unsuccessful.

Offers are dependent on the applicant having a satisfactory UCAS reference. Offer decisions are made only once all of the MMIs have been completed. If you are made an offer of a place you will receive notification of your offer directly through UCAS. All the offers that we make are also subject to the receipt of a satisfactory health questionnaire and a satisfactory enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check (or equivalent). Please read the sections on Health Requirements and Criminal Record Checks for further details. We will send you details about how to arrange your DBS check and health requirements if you firmly accept our offer. You will also be sent a student entry agreement which you will be required to sign prior to starting the course.
Deferred Entry Applications
At Sheffield Medical School we welcome deferred entry applications; you simply need to state this on your UCAS form. Students applying for deferred entry should summarise (briefly) their plans for the year ahead in their Personal Statement. Not only does this show that you have given considerable thought and effort into planning your gap year, but will also give you an opportunity to demonstrate relevant work experience that will enable you to become a good doctor in the future. If you are currently planning your gap year we would suggest you refer to the previous section on Relevant Work Experience.

There are many advantages to taking a gap year, including:
- An opportunity to travel the world and meet people from different cultures. This will develop your cultural awareness, which is of course important in the medical profession.
- Additional time to gain further work experience in a relevant area, such as participating in a volunteer project overseas, thus reinforcing your evidence of commitment to caring and insight into the profession.
- Lastly, the opportunity to earn some money over the coming year to help fund your studies at Sheffield. This reflects very well on you as an individual, as you are demonstrating social responsibility.
- A number of students find that taking a gap year leads to increased confidence, maturity, and self-insight, all of which are relevant to a career in medicine.

If you decide you wish to defer your entry mid-way through the application cycle, we may still be able to accommodate your gap-year plans. You will need to put your request in writing (either via email or post) to the Medical Admissions Team, explaining your reasons for requesting deferment. In the majority of cases we can amend your year of entry accordingly.

Applicants must be 18 years old by the first day of the second term. Applicants who will not have reached their 18th birthday by January of their first academic year are welcome to apply but will be required to defer their entry. There is no upper age limit.
Mature students
The Medical School encourages applications from mature students. Although we have no upper age limit, it seems sensible only to accept those who can provide a reasonable period of service to the Health Service after graduation. As will be seen from the comments below, we accept mature students from varied backgrounds and of differing ages.

We do not have a quota for the number of mature students that are admitted to the MBChB programme.

Graduate applicants should be aware that they are not eligible to receive a loan for tuition fees or maintenance grants, therefore graduate applicants may want to contact Student Finance England for information and advice.

I remember coming to Sheffield Medical School and after talking to just a handful of people, thinking to myself ‘wow everyone is so friendly!’ I spoke to a couple of medical students and they all thought the Medical School was brilliant. I was a bit sceptical because I thought maybe they’d been forced into giving the Medical School a wonderful review, but after being here for nearly two years I am honoured to be part of an amazing Medical School. There is so much academic help available including many revision sessions put on by the Medical Society.

A major bonus about the Medical School is the 2 weeks of ICE in your first year. For me it was great because as a postgraduate I had been sitting in lectures for three years and had never been on the wards. It gives you a bit of a teaser as to what clinical years will be like. There are so many sub-societies to get involved in and you’ll definitely find something for you. The buddying scheme put on by the Medical Society pairs first year students with second year students. The advantage of this scheme is that you have someone who can give you advice on revision, what textbooks to buy and even the best places in town to eat! I definitely do not regret my decision to come to Sheffield Medical School; it has been a wonderful experience so far and I’m looking forward to my next three years here.

FRANCESCA ONYINA - MATURE STUDENT

My decision to study medicine and become a doctor evolved during my undergraduate degree and subsequent year of working. I began higher education in Biomedical Sciences, graduating in 2009. Looking back, I had a keen interest in science and the world of medicine as a child. However it was not until I was in my early 20’s that I started to realistically consider it as a career choice. I had always enjoyed science at school, but had done humanity focused A Levels, so undertaking a science focused degree was a bold step in some ways, but it appealed as it encompassed a broad range of medical sciences and laboratory work. During this time I realised that although I did not thrive in a laboratory setting, I had a strong desire to build on the medical science I had learnt, and apply this practically.

I got a job as a research assistant leading a pilot study for a project analysing eye gaze patterns in ECG interpretation. Immersing me in both hospital and research worlds it was a step up from undergraduate study, and being in a hospital setting gave me the confidence to picture myself as a medical student, and further developed my keenness to pursue medicine.

I am currently in my third year of Medicine at Sheffield Medical School. For me, it was a decision that evolved later but gathered momentum quickly and I am very pleased with how things have turned out. Sheffield Medical School has a fantastic ‘community feel’, and I have been fortunate enough to have had a lot of different opportunities here. Personally I know I benefited from starting medicine with more maturity and life experience under my belt, and I am excited for the years ahead.

LAURA HORSEMAN - MATURE STUDENT
International students
The University of Sheffield Medical School's world-wide reputation for quality attracts students from over one hundred countries around the globe. Through part of our International Department - the South East Asia office, we are normally able to hold interviews in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

Applicants hoping to sit UKCAT in Kuala Lumpur should note that there are only two centres for this in Kuala Lumpur, one of which is the University of Sheffield South East Asia Office. Such candidates are advised to book early to sit this assessment. Applicants are also encouraged to make contact with the current international medical students to find out more about studying at the Medical School.

When considering which applicants who meet the Academic and UKCAT minimum thresholds to invite to interview, International Students are ranked separately to UK and EU Home Students.

Competition for places is intense with 18 places available for undergraduate medicine for international students. Although 5 years seems daunting, the University, and Sheffield as a student-friendly city provide a unique experience. The Students Union having been voted the best in the country holds events which allows students to experience the cultural diversity that Sheffield has to offer. The Students’ Union has thriving societies for international students.

As an international student, choosing to study in Sheffield is easily one of the best decisions I have made. The curriculum here is well organised and broad. I particularly like how we are given plenty of opportunities and freedom for further exploration into areas of interests throughout the curriculum. The strong support from the staff and lecturers at the Medical School provides an environment for the holistic development of students. The variety of societies available and events organised by the Medical Society will ensure that life in Sheffield is never dull.

JIAYI YEO - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
Widening access to medical course - 2017 Entry
The Medical School is committed to widening access to the Medicine course. Through schemes such as SOAMS (Sheffield Outreach and Access to Medicine Scheme) we aim to encourage applications from under-represented groups and from those who have the ability to become good doctors but would not normally consider this as a serious option. We also encourage applications from mature students and consider people from a variety of backgrounds and of differing ages.

Sheffield's Outreach and Access to Medicine Scheme (SOAMS)
This is an exciting scheme which gives local students in years 12-13, from under-represented groups, the opportunity to enter the degree course in medicine. It has become increasingly evident that pupils from lower socio-economic groups are disadvantaged when applying to medical education. Their schools do not usually have a record of academic achievements and many pupils have a family background that may prevent them from progressing into post-16 education. Those who work hard to overcome these barriers do not often have the opportunity to undertake suitable work experience and therefore, may have difficulty in demonstrating commitment to caring, and that they are suitable for a career in a caring profession.

The academic entry requirements for SOAMS students are different to those of other applicants. SOAMS students are required to complete the SOAMS programme and meet the following academic and UKCAT standards.

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GCSE Requirement
SOAMS applicants for the A100 programme must meet the following GCSE minimum requirements:

- A minimum of eight GCSE passes at grade A*-C, including at least six A*-B grades with a C grade or above in Science (Double Award accepted), Mathematics and English.

Please note:
- The GCSE requirements should have been met by the point of application.
- The relevant GCSEs should be studied for no longer than two years.
- The six A*-B grades must all be obtained in the same sitting.
- The required C grades in Mathematics, English and Sciences do not need to be obtained in the same year as the six A grades.
- We do not accept GCSE resits.
- Non-GCSE qualifications (such as Level 2 OCR qualifications) taken alongside GCSEs are not considered as equivalent and do not count towards meeting the GCSE requirement. If you have not studies GCSEs, please contact the Medical Admissions Office for information about alternative acceptable qualifications and required levels of achievement.
A Level Requirement
SOAMS applicants are required to be predicted to attain at least ABB at A Level, including Chemistry and one other science (Maths, Physics, Biology and Psychology).

Please note:

- SOAMS applicants who receive offers will receive a Standard Offer of AAA at A Level and an Adjusted Offer of ABB at A Level. The Adjusted Offer will apply if the applicant competes the SOAMS programme and firmly accepts the offer. If the applicant chooses to accept the University of Sheffield as an insurance offers, the standard offer will apply.
- The three A Levels should be studied for no longer than two years, must be passed on the first attempt and must all be taken in one sitting.
- Where an A Level has a separately graded practical component, this practical component is required and a passing grade must be obtained.
- We are unable to consider A Level resits or examinations taken early.
- Please note that A Level Critical Thinking and A Level General Studies do not count towards meeting our A Level requirement.
- We will not consider A Level Further Mathematics for candidates who hold A Level Mathematics.

UKCAT Requirement
SOAMS applicants are required to meet the same UKCAT threshold of 1850/2700 as all other applicants. SOAMS applicants who meet the above requirements are guaranteed to be invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview. SOAMS applicants are not ranked on their UKCAT score.

As a result of widening participation initiatives, the Medical School has 20 places reserved for pupils who would not normally be considered for entry to Medicine.

Contact
If you would like more information on the scheme, please contact:

Rebecca Haire - Outreach Coordinator (SOAMS)
Tel: 0114 222 1021
Email: r.haire@sheffield.ac.uk

Realising Opportunities Scheme (RO)
Realising Opportunities (RO) is a national Widening Participation Scheme in the United Kingdom. It is a collaboration of 15 leading research-intensive universities that are working together to promote fair access and social mobility of students from groups that are under-represented in higher education. The academic entry requirements for RO students are different to those of other applicants. RO students are required to complete the Realising Opportunities Scheme and meet the following academic and UKCAT standards.
**GCSE Requirement**  
These are the same as for [standard applications](#).

**A Level Requirement**  
RO applicants are required to have at least ABB at A Level, including Chemistry and one other science (Maths, Physics, Biology and Psychology). Applicants who do not yet hold A Levels at the time of application must have predicted grades of at least ABB.

**Please note:**
- RO applicants who receive offers will receive a Standard Offer of AAA at A Level and an Adjusted Offer of ABB at A Level. The Adjusted Offer will apply if the applicant successfully completes the Realising Opportunities scheme and firmly accepts the offer. If the applicant chooses to use the University of Sheffield as an insurance offer, the standard offer will apply.
- The three A Levels should be studied for no longer than two years, must be passed on the first attempt and must all be taken in one sitting.
- Where an A Level has a separately graded practical component, this practical component is required and a passing grade must be obtained.
- We are unable to consider A Level resits or examinations taken early.
- Please note that A Level Critical Thinking and A Level General Studies do not count towards meeting our A Level requirement.
- We will not consider A Level Further Mathematics for candidates who hold A Level Mathematics.

**UKCAT Requirement**  
RO applicants are required to meet the same UKCAT threshold of 1850/2700 as all other applicants. RO applicants who meet the above requirements are invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview. RO applicants are not ranked on their UKCAT score.

**Contact**  
If you would like more information on the scheme, please contact:

Denise Brooks - Outreach and Widening Participation Officer (Partnerships)  
Tel: 0114 222 1027  
Email: ROSheffield@sheffield.ac.uk
Health requirements

In accordance with national guidelines from the Department of Health for the protection of both patients and healthcare workers including students, all medical students are required to show that they are not infectious carriers of hepatitis B and that they have successfully completed a course of hepatitis B immunisation.

The immunisation process will be undertaken via the Sheffield Occupational Health Service once you have registered on the course. If you are then found to be positive for hepatitis B surface antigen, you will not be permitted to undertake exposure prone procedures (procedures where there is a risk that an injury to the worker may result in the exposure of the patient’s open tissue to the blood of the worker) on the course (this limitation will also apply up to the point that hepatitis B status is known) and there will be restrictions on your clinical practice as a qualified doctor.

The Medical School will accept as documentary proof an authenticated laboratory report showing either the presence of hepatitis B surface antibody, or if antibodies are not developed after a full course of immunisation, that you are negative for hepatitis infectivity. Health screening forms will be sent at a later date to applicants who have firmly accepted an offer of a place. It is not necessary for applicants to confirm their hepatitis B status prior to starting on the programme as this will be dealt with by the Sheffield Occupational Health Service.

The Medical School reserves the right to re-test any of its medical students for markers of hepatitis B virus. Screening tests will only be recognised from a United Kingdom accredited laboratory. A negative result from overseas laboratories will be checked when you arrive in Sheffield, and if you are then positive for hepatitis B surface antigen, the restrictions described in the second paragraph will apply.

You will also have to ask your GP to fill in a form documenting your immunisation history. The Medical School continually reviews the immunisation requirements and procedures for medical students, taking into account national guidance, and you will be required to comply with any such amendments if you are offered a provisional place.

Students who have serious health problems, or who know that they are infected with Hepatitis C or HIV, must disclose this on their UCAS form, as their course may need to be modified to accommodate Department of Health guidance on activities which they may or may not perform. All potential students with significant health problems will be individually assessed for suitability for the course.

It is imperative that all procedures outlined above are followed precisely to avoid prejudicing your entry to the course.
Disabled Students
There are two factors to bear in mind if you have a disability, and are considering studying medicine:
Your personal experience with disability can give you greater insight into the lives of many of your patients, and make you better equipped to assist them as a doctor. As a consequence, we welcome applications from disabled people.
Medical training covers every aspect of health care, and includes an arduous period as a Foundation Year Doctor. If your disability is such as to make it impossible for you to practice, we would be unable to accept you onto the course.
As a consequence and to ensure that effective support can be provided, applicants with a disability, applicants with serious health problems or applicants who know they are infected with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or HIV are advised to contact the Director of Undergraduate Medical Admissions before applying. If you have not had time to do this you must disclose your health details on your UCAS form.
If you are an undergraduate applicant and you have experienced issues of a personal, social or domestic nature that have affected either your post-16 studies, or any GCSE Qualifications that are cited in our course entry requirements, you can let us know by completing our Disrupted Studies form. You can find further information at the following link: Disrupted Studies

Each application will be considered individually.

The Director of Undergraduate Medical Admissions will suggest supporting health documentation that might demonstrate your suitability, and assist your application. Where a prognosis is not clear a committee will be convened to assess the situation more fully, and to ensure that the University is able to support you and enable you to complete your studies successfully.

Contact Details:
Director of Undergraduate Medical Admissions
Medical Admissions Office - The University of Sheffield
The Medical School
Beech Hill Road
Sheffield S10 2RX

Phone: 0114 222 5531/5533/34
Fax: 0114 222 5521
email: medadmissions@sheffield.ac.uk
Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check

All applicants for entry to Medicine are required to undergo a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Admission to the course offered by the University of Sheffield Medical School is subject to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (1974) Section 4(2) (Exemption) Order 1975 and the Department of Health Circular HC (88)9 guidelines regarding child protection and police checks. Before being admitted on to this course, you will need to apply for 'an enhanced disclosure document' from the DBS.

Amendments to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2013 mean that the University no longer requires applicants to declare all convictions or cautions because some are now classed as 'protected'. To clarify further:

A caution will be 'protected' and should not be disclosed if:
It was received when the applicant was under 18 and the caution is more than 2 years old.

OR

It was received when the applicant was over 18 and the caution is more than 6 years old

UNLESS

It is for a listed offence such as violent/sexual offences (see link)

A conviction will be 'protected' and should not be disclosed if:
It was received when the applicant was under 18 and the conviction is more than 5 years and 6 months old

OR

It was received when the applicant was over 18 and the conviction is more than 11 years old

UNLESS

- It is for a listed offence such as violent/sexual offences (see link)
- A custodial sentence was imposed
- The applicant has other convictions (in which case all convictions must be disclosed)

Please follow the link on the right to the DBS Website which provides a full list of offences that will never be filtered from a criminal record (i.e. not protected regardless of time). Listed offences must always be declared as they include serious violent and sexual offences and other specified offences of relevance for posts concerned with safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Cautions and convictions received outside of the UK that meet the same criteria as above also do not need to be declared. Guidance is also available from the University by following the link on the right.
On the UCAS form, you must tell us about non-protected criminal convictions, including spent sentences, cautions (including verbal cautions), reprimands and bind over-orders.

**Offers**
If you are made an offer of a place and you choose to firmly accept this offer, we will write to you a few weeks prior to the start of your course with details of how to arrange this.

**Overseas applicants**
If you are living overseas and have never been a resident of the UK, any offer of a place will be subject to the equivalent of a DBS check, normally a satisfactory check from your local police station (sometimes referred to as a Certificate of Good Conduct).

If you have lived overseas for a period of 3 months or more since the age of 16 and are now resident in the UK you will be required to provide both a DBS check and an overseas equivalent.

If you have any queries regarding the DBS check, please contact the Medical Admissions Office on 0114 222 5534/5533/5531.
MBChB Student Entry Agreement
All medical students that study for a University degree that automatically allows them to work as a doctor during Foundation Year 1, are exposed to all aspects of the medical environment. It is therefore essential that medical students fulfil the requirements of Good Medical Practice (2006) which contains the General Medical Council (GMC) statements on the duties of a doctor.

Medical students that register on the course are therefore required to agree to the following Outline of Practice that derives from the GMC requirements to guide students as they become a competent practitioner.

As a potential student you need to be aware of these requirements and if you have difficulty with any aspects of the following statements you should discuss it with the Medical Admissions Office before you accept any offer of a place on the course.

1. I will listen to patients and respect their views, treat them politely and considerately, respect patients’ privacy and dignity, and respect their right to refuse to take part in teaching.
2. I will not allow my views about a person’s lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, social status or perceived economic worth to prejudice my interaction with patients with whom I have come into contact.
3. I will not abuse the trust of a patient or other vulnerable person and I will not enter into an improper relationship with another person, for example, a patient with whom I have come in contact.
4. I will be honest in my dealings with patients, teachers and colleagues. I will also make clear to others that I am a medical student and not a qualified doctor. Until I have qualified, I will not recommend treatment or suggest patients or others take any action that might be interpreted as medical advice.
5. I understand, accept and agree to be bound by the principle of confidentiality of patient records and patient data. I will not discuss patients with other students or professionals outside the clinical setting except anonymously. I will respect all hospital and patient records.
6. I will maintain appropriate standards of dress, appearance and personal hygiene so as not to disquiet patients, teachers or colleagues.
7. I will expose my face fully to patients, teachers and colleagues in all clinical settings, and whenever on University, NHS or other sites where I attend for teaching learning or assessment.
8. I will physically examine patients of both sexes (which includes touching and intimate examinations), irrespective of the gender culture, beliefs, disability or disease of the patient. I will have a chaperone present when appropriate. Before any examination I will obtain permission to do so, except in certain cases of emergency.
9. I will participate in practising clinical examination on other students of the same sex, and will be willing to allow other students of the same sex to examine me for the purpose of learning clinical examination skills.
10. I will attend classes and other teaching sessions as required by the regulations of the course. I will work outside normal working hours, including evening or weekends as required of me.
11. I will seek consent from lecturers or other tutors before making any audio recording of a teaching session. I will only make such recordings if I have a learning disability recognised by the University and only make recordings required to support my learning. I will not share or disseminate any such recording in any format. I will not make video recordings of any teaching sessions.

12. I will be honest in completing course work for assessment and will never plagiarise material from other sources and submit it as my own work.

13. I will inform the Sheffield Medical School authorities if I am charged with or convicted of a criminal offence during my time as a student.

14. I will attend the Occupational Health appointment at the start of the course and any follow up appointments and provide any authenticated reports of laboratory tests as may be required.

15. I will inform the Medical School authorities if there is any significant change to my health that might affect my fitness to practice as a student or subsequently as a doctor.

16. I confirm that I have been truthful in my application to Medical School, and that I did not omit any important or relevant information on my application.

I understand that if the Medical School authorities discover that I have been untruthful in my application, it reserves the right to withdraw an offer or terminate the course of study.
Fees and Bursaries - 2017 Entry
The MBChB programme is subject to tuition fees and there are a number of other costs that students may incur during the course of their studies.

Tuition Fees
Details of tuition fees for UK and EU students can be found here. Details of tuition fees for Overseas Students can be found here.

Bursaries
At present, from Year 5 onwards course tuition fees are paid by the Department of Health for students within the EU. They may also award bursaries to British students who qualify. Further enquiries regarding this should be addressed to:

NHS Student Bursaries
Hesketh House
200-220 Broadway
Fleetwood
Lancashire
FY7 8SS

Details of bursaries available from the University of Sheffield can be found here.

Other Extra Costs

Compulsory books/texts
Whilst the Medical School recommend a number of texts for each Phase of the MBChB programme, none of these are considered compulsory. Copies of textbooks are available in the Health Sciences Library.

Course packs
Course and module handbooks are provided (generally in electronic format) without additional charge. The anatomy dissection workbook and the histology workbook are provided in hard copy without additional charge.

Compulsory (non-residential) field trips
There are no compulsory non-residential field trips in the MBChB programme.

Compulsory (residential) field trips (including accommodation)
The MBChB programme includes a 6-week Student Selected Component in Phase 3a and a 7-week Elective placement in Phase 3b. Students may choose to undertake there periods of study in Sheffield, elsewhere in the UK, or elsewhere in the world (provided that the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office does not deem that place unsafe to travel to). The costs of visas, travel, accommodation, tuition fees, subsistence, criminal records checks (if required), personal insurance, private malpractice insurance and any vaccinations required are met by the student. These will vary depending on destination. There is no reduction in University of Sheffield tuition fees for Phases 3a and 3b.
The Medical School receives a variable sum of money every year towards assisting students with their Phase 3b elective placement. Since 2009, these bursaries have been competitively awarded on the basis of a written application. Awards of up to £700 are made, and approximately 60% of students applying for a bursary will receive some assistance with their financial arrangements.

**Professional accreditation exams (if core requirement of the degree)**
At the end of the MBChB programme, students who wish to practice medicine in the United Kingdom must provisionally register with the General Medical Council. The cost of provisional registration is currently £90, and is outside the control of the University. More information on General Medical Council fees can be found [here](#).

**Compulsory study aids**
In Phase 1, students will require a white coat and a dissection kit to support their study of anatomy. (For students who do not wish to purchase a white coat, these can be borrowed for a fee - currently £1 per anatomy class.) Students will need to purchase a stethoscope. There are no other compulsory study aids for the MBChB programme.

**Compulsory research project costs (approved by supervisor)**
There are no compulsory research project costs associated with the MBChB degree programme.

**Travel Costs for compulsory placements**
There are clinical placements in all years of the MBChB programme. Approximately 50% of a student's clinical placements within the MBChB programme take place within the local region, including but not limited to Barnsley, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Grimsby, Hull and Rotherham. The cost of such travel varies depending on the distance travelled and the mode of transportation used.

The Medical School has a Student Travel Cost Contribution Scheme through which medical students can claim a proportion of the travel costs incurred whilst on clinical placement, outside of the Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. During your MBChB degree programme, you will be expected to travel throughout the region for both hospital and General Practice placements.

The travel contributions are calculated per mile. Currently, the contribution is set at an 11p per mile basis (with the exception of general practice placements in Phases 1 and 2a which are calculated on a 15p per mile basis) regardless of the mode of transport used. The Medical School is the start and end point for each journey and the rate per journey is non-negotiable. The Student Travel Cost Contribution Scheme is not intended to meet the full costs of travel, and the Scheme does not cover parking costs.

**Other compulsory costs associated with course requirements e.g. large scale printing, posters**
There is no requirement for students to undertake large scale printing or to have posters printed professionally.
**Later registration charge**  
Late registration incurs a charge. Details can be found [here](#).

**Other costs**  
There are no additional costs for first sitting examinations. Resit examinations do incur a charge.

The MBChB programme does not include a dissertation or thesis, therefore submission fees, continuation fees and resubmission fees do not apply.
Postgraduate Foundation Training and Beyond
At the end of the undergraduate programme you will receive your MBChB degree, which is a primary medical qualification (PMQ). Holding a PMQ entitles you to provisional registration with the General Medical Council, subject only to its acceptance that there are no Fitness to Practise concerns that need consideration. Provisional registration is time limited to a maximum of three years and 30 days (1125 days in total). After this time period your provisional registration will normally expire.

Provisionally registered doctors can only practise in approved Foundation Year 1 posts: the law does not allow provisionally registered doctors to undertake any other type of work. To obtain a Foundation Year 1 post you will need to apply during the final year of your undergraduate programme through the UK Foundation Programme Office selection scheme, which allocates these posts to graduates on a competitive basis. All suitably qualified UK graduate have found a place on the Foundation Year 1 programme, but this cannot be guaranteed, for instance if there were to be an increased number of competitive applications from non-UK graduates. Successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 programme is normally achieved within 12 months and is marked by the award of a Certificate of Experience. You will then be eligible to apply for full registration with the General Medical Council. You need full registration with a licence to practise for unsupervised medical practice in the NHS or private practice in the UK.

Although this information is currently correct, students need to be aware that regulations in this area may change from time to time.

There is some discussion about whether to remove provisional registration for newly qualified doctors. If this happens the UK graduates will receive full registration as soon as they have successfully completed an MBBS (or equivalent) degree. It should be noted that it is very likely that UK graduates will still need to apply for a training programme similar to the current Foundation Programme and that places on this programme may not be guaranteed for every UK graduate.

The GMC is currently considering the introduction of a formal assessment that UK medical graduates would need to pass in order to be granted registration with a licence to practise. Although no final decision has been taken as to whether or when such an exam will be introduced applicants should be aware that the GMC envisages that future cohorts of medical students may need to pass parts of a medical licensing assessment before the GMC will grant them registration with a licence to practise.
Undergraduate courses: Frequently asked questions

I applied to Sheffield Medical School but have not received an acknowledgement to say that you have received my application.

Providing that you have been issued with a UCAS number after submitting your application to UCAS rest assured that we will have received your application in the office. The University sends out central acknowledgments of receipt, if you have not received this, please contact the Applicant Information Desk.

I submitted my application to UCAS before the closing date but have still not heard the outcome of my application. When might I expect to hear?

We start processing applications from mid-October. However because of the volume of applications we receive we do not finish processing these until the end of February so you could hear any time between then. If you have not heard early on in the cycle it does not mean that you are less likely to receive an interview. Our selection process will run to the timetable shown on the page What Happens to your Applications.

Can I send you any additional information to go with my application form?

The Medical School will not normally consider additional information not included in the UCAS form when deciding which candidates to invite to attend Multiple Mini Interviews. However, if you have any extenuating circumstances or health problems that we need to be aware of when assessing your application you may send additional information about this directly to us. We will then ensure that it is matched with your application.

Do you score the UCAS Personal Statement?

We do not score UCAS Personal Statements. However, the activities, interests and values that candidates express in their Personal Statements are commonly explored during the Multiple Mini Interviews.

I want to take a gap year. What should I do during that year?

We do not specify exactly what you should do during your gap year except that you should do something constructive. This may not necessarily mean that you have to do something that is medically related but, for example, you may plan to work for a year to help finance you during your medical studies. You can find more information here.

What sort of work experience should I do?

Again, we do not specify the exact sort of work experience you should do because it depends on what is available where you live. It should however be something within a caring environment. Some applicants may have
experience of shadowing hospital staff or G.P.s but if this is not available to you try doing some voluntary work in a local hospice or working with children with disabilities. We want to see what you have gained from your work experience - that you are able to communicate with people, have a caring nature and are able to work as part of a team. You can find more information here.

**I just missed getting the necessary grades can I still apply?**

Unfortunately if you did apply then I am afraid that you would be unsuccessful. Application to Medicine is extremely competitive and most of the people who apply meet the minimum academic requirements. If you do not meet the A Level requirements, you may have to look at doing an alternate degree with a view to applying to Medicine after you graduate.

**Can I compensate for a low UKCAT score with a higher level of academic attainment?**

No. Applicants must meet both the academic attainment entry criteria and the UKCAT entry criteria. You cannot compensate for a UKCAT score that is below the minimum accepted level with higher academic attainment, or vice versa. Applicants who meet the minimum thresholds for academic performance and UKCAT performance are ranked on their UKCAT performance to determine who is invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview.

**I have been exempted from the UKCAT on geographic grounds. Can I apply?**

Applicants who have been exempted from the UKCAT on geographical grounds will not be considered.

**I have been exempted from UKCAT on medical/health grounds. Can I apply?**

Applicants who have been exempted from the UKCAT on medical/health grounds should submit their UCAS application with a Disrupted Studies application. Where it is agreed that the applicant has had a significant disruption they will be invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview, provided that they meet the academic requirements. In the event that the Disrupted Studies are not accepted, the application will be deemed unsuccessful.

**Are UKCAT scores adjusted if I have mitigating circumstances?**

We make no adjustment to the UKCAT (or UKCATSEN) scores for applicants who have mitigating circumstances.
I would like to come to Sheffield and have a look at the Medical School. Can I arrange this?

Whilst we are unable to arrange individual visits there are a number of general University Open Days that allow you to have a look around the campus and there is a talk at the Medical School. Please click here for further information.

Do you accept transfers from other Medical Schools?

No. The University of Sheffield Medical School does not usually accept students wishing to transfer from a degree course at another institution. Applications will also not be considered from applicants who have failed to complete a medical degree at any university. For full details of our transfer policy, please click on the following link: MBChB Transfer Policy

I have had an A Level certificated after one year of study. If I take it again the following year, does this count as a resit?

Yes. The Medical School considers an A Level taken after 2 years study to be a resit examination if the applicant has already completed that A Level and received a certificate after one year of study. The Medical School does not accept resits or examinations taken early.

Do you accept applicants through UCAS Extra/Clearing?

No. The Medical School does not process applications through UCAS Extra/Clearing.

I have been invited to attend a Multiple Mini Interview but am unable to attend on the date specified. What should I do?

Applicants are required to be available throughout the interview period. If you are unable to attend on the date requested you must contact the Medical Admissions Office as soon as possible. Interview spaces are limited. While we will attempt to reschedule the Multiple Mini Interview this may not be possible and cannot be guaranteed. The Medical School is not able to offer Multiple Mini Interviews outside of the interview period, and any applicant who is unable to attend during that period will have their application rejected.

My application to the University of Sheffield Medical School has been rejected. How can I obtain feedback?

If your application is rejected you may request feedback by contacting the Medical Admissions Office. We aim to answer such requests within three weeks.
My application to the University of Sheffield Medical School has been rejected. May I apply again next year?

Applicants who are unsuccessful are welcome to apply again next year if they wish. You should take steps to address any issues that resulted in your application being rejected.
Requesting More Information
To order a Medical School brochure, or ask any other question about the admissions process or study at Sheffield, for the MBChB degree please contact us:

Medical Admissions Office
The Medical School
Beech Hill Road
Sheffield
S10 2RX

Telephone: +44 (0)114 222 5531/5533/5534
Fax: +44 (0)114 222 5521
email: medadmissions@sheffield.ac.uk

You can order the University Prospectus, which carries details of all of the Undergraduate degrees available (including medicine), along with further details about life and study in Sheffield.

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