

Manchester Medical School

How do we deal with your application?

All applications for 2014/15 entry must be submitted through UCAS by **15 October 2013**. Late applications will not be considered. Receipt of applications to A104 and A106 will be acknowledged by the University of Manchester Central Admissions Office.

Manchester Medical School is committed to recruiting the most outstanding students from all educational backgrounds using fair and transparent admissions processes. The School receives in excess of 2500 applications every year for approximately 370 places. Because the majority of applicants meet or exceed our academic requirements we select students using the following four stages.

Stage 1. Academic criteria

Applications are first screened according to whether or not they meet our standard academic threshold as given on our website <http://www.mms.manchester.ac.uk/>. Those applications that do not meet the appropriate academic criteria will not progress to the next phase of the screening process, and will receive notification that their application has been unsuccessful through UCAS in due course.

Stage 2. Non-academic criteria

In the second stage of the process trained selectors will check the personal statement and reference for:

- Insight and reflection on a medical career
- Motivation towards a medical career
- Work experience in a caring role
- Interests/hobbies and linking these with the ability to cope with stress
- Evidence of teamwork, leadership skills, and communication skills

Any applications rejected formally after the second screening will have been re-assessed independently by a senior member of the Admissions Team.

Applicants should be aware that information provided in the personal statement may be used as the basis for further discussion during any subsequent interview.

Stage 3. UKCAT

Course A106

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The following table gives the range of UKCAT scores for applicants who are being invited to interview this year, and who were invited to interview for the previous three years.

UKCAT scores of applicants invited for interview for A106

Admissions cycle	Applicants with a WP Plus Flag (i.e. those who meet both geo-demographic and educational indicators, and/or those who have been in care for more than 3 months)	Applicants with a WP Flag or no contextual flags*
2013/14	2740 and above	2810 and above
2012/13	2560 and above	2650 and above
2011/12	2490 and above	2590 and above
2010/11	2460 and above	2610 and above

*includes mature students and students applying from the EU

Course A104

To help identify talented students from all backgrounds, UKCAT scores from UK candidates who come from similar educational and socio-demographic backgrounds are considered against each other. This is done by using supplemental information provided by publicly available datasets (see www.manchester.ac.uk/contextualdata). Equal proportions of top scoring applicants from each group are then selected for interview.

One of the aims of the foundation year in medicine is to widen participation. With this in mind, applicants with a contextual data flag who meet our academic and non-academic criteria, and whose UKCAT score is below our threshold, will be given additional consideration and may be invited for an interview. We anticipate that the number of applicants that this applies to will be low.

The following table gives the range of UKCAT scores for applicants who are being invited to interview this year, and who were invited to interview for the previous three years.

UKCAT scores of applicants invited for interview for A104

Admissions cycle	Applicants with a WP Plus Flag (i.e. those who meet both geo-demographic and educational indicators, and/or those who have been in care for more than 3 months)	Applicants with a WP Flag or no contextual flags*
2013/14	2310 and above	2690 and above
2012/13	2210 and above	2480 and above
2011/12	2130 and above	2440 and above
2010/11	2270 and above	2430 and above

*includes mature students and students applying from the EU

Stage 4. Interview

The Medical School does not make any offers without interview. **Our interviews are usually held from the middle of November until the middle of March. Invitations to attend an interview are sent to applicants throughout this period. Interviews are not allocated to applicants in order of preference so no significance should be attached to whether an interview is offered early or late within this period.** We interview on one or two days per week, morning and afternoon, between Monday and Friday in the Medical School. All interviewees will be sent information which explains in detail the interview procedure and format of the interview invitation.

The interviewers are drawn from both the university and clinical environment and have undergone specific training and guidance for interviewing medical school applicants including issues related to equal opportunities and the benefits of diversity.

The aim of the interview is to explore the non-academic criteria (see above) as well as to encourage applicants to talk naturally about themselves, their studies and their experiences, and to demonstrate that they have the interpersonal skills to be able to communicate effectively and show that they are well-rounded individuals. In this way they can show that they meet the academic and non-academic attributes required of a prospective doctor.

The interview process for 2014/15 entry round will be as follows:

- One-to-one interviews of 7 minutes each at seven separate stations

The interviewers will have a copy of each candidate's personal statement. Details of the interview process can be found on our website

<http://www.mms.manchester.ac.uk/undergraduate/applicationprocess/applyingstepbystep>

What happens after the Interview?

After the interview, the panel will complete their assessment. Based on this assessment, the Academic Lead for Admissions will make the final decision as to whether you are offered a conditional place on the course, rejected, or put in the 'hold' category meaning that we will make a decision on your application at a later date in the admissions cycle.

You will normally be notified of this decision through UCAS within three weeks of the date of your interview. If you are placed in the 'hold' category, you will be notified of the outcome by the end of March 2014.

If you are made an offer of a place, you will receive formal notification of your offer directly through UCAS track.

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