

manchester medical school

educating, training and preparing our students for practice

How We Deal With Your Application

All applications for 2015 entry, or for those applying for deferred entry, must be submitted through UCAS by **15 October 2014**. Late applications will not be considered. Receipt of applications to A104 and A106 will be acknowledged by the University of Manchester Central Admissions Office and not by the Medical School Admissions Team.

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, for 2015 entry we will 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 www.manchester.ac.uk/mms. 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. Use of UKCAT threshold

Last year for 2014 entry, we considered non-academic criteria before applying a UKCAT threshold. For 2015 entry this has changed; applications that do not meet the UKCAT threshold chosen 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.

Course A106

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.

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 3. Non-academic criteria

In the third stage of the process, trained selectors will check the personal statement and reference for those applicants who successfully met the UKCAT threshold chosen for 2015 entry, looking in particular for evidence of:

- 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

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 4. Interview

The Medical School does not make any offers without interview. Our interviews will be held from the beginning of **December until early 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. If an applicant is unable to attend an interview date then only **one** alternative date will be offered. We interview 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 process.

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 2015 entry round will be as follows:

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

The interviewers may have a copy of each candidate's personal statement. Details of the interview process can be found on our website www.manchester.ac.uk/mms.

What happens after the Interview?

After the interview, each interviewer independently completes their assessment of each applicant's performance at that station. The Academic Lead for Admissions will make the final decision as to whether you are offered a conditional place on the course, unsuccessful, 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 2015.

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