

Medicine Report

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AI Powered University Applications







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Hello Rosalind

Welcome to your personalised Melio report! Inside you'll find your individual recommendations based on the predictions of Appli's AI system.

These predictions are based on a deep understanding of how universities select for their courses. Using massive datasets of previous applicants the AI can work out exactly what universities are looking for and compare this to your profile, telling you your exact chances of getting in. You'll also find the datadriven steps that you can take to become a better match for the selection process, along with stats on how much these will improve your chances of getting in.

You'll also find a description of the university and teaching style of each

course. From city to campus universities and from traditional to integrated courses you'll be able to compare universities on the factors that matter most to you. Taking these into account, along with your percentage chances of acceptance, will help you make the best possible decision on where to apply to have the best university experience.

The recommendations here will be used to help you work with your Melio tutor on the most important parts of your application and to carefully choose where to apply to maximise your chances of getting in.





Profile

Rosalind Sun

DATE OF BIRTH

10/02/2002

SCHOOL ATTENDED AT 16

Cheltenham Ladies College

SCHOOL ATTENDED AT 18

Diocesan Girls' School

TYPE OF SCHOOL AT 16

Private/Independent

TYPE OF SCHOOL AT 18

Private/Independent

APPLICANT STATUS

International

GENDER

Female

NUMBER OF DAYS OF WORK EXPERIENCE

NUMBER OF HOURS OF VOLUNTEERING **IN A MEDICAL SETTING**

52

IGCSEs

NUMBER OF A*S/9S AND 8S

8

NUMBER OF AS/7S

3

NUMBER OF BS/6S

0

NUMBER OF CS/5S

-

NUMBER AT D/4 OR BELOW

0

International A-Levels

NUMBER OF A*S

3

NUMBER OF AS

1

NUMBER OF BS

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NUMBER OF CS

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NUMBER AT D OR BELOW

0

*This is just a summary of some of the data used in the generation of your chances. Some of the data that you provided to us does not appear here but was still used to make your predictions.

BMAT

TAKING BMAT?

YES

MOCK OR REAL?

MOCK

SECTION 1 SCORE

6.2

SECTION 2 SCORE

6.2

BMAT SECTION 3 QUALITY OF

CONTENT SCORE

4

BMAT SECTION 3 QUALITY OF

WRITTEN ENGLISH SCORE

Α

UCAT

TAKING UCAT?

YES

MOCK OR REAL?

MOCK

SECTION 1 SCORE

710

SECTION 2 SCORE

610

SECTION 3 SCORE

710

SECTION 4 SCORE

610

UCAT SITUATIONAL

JUDGEMENT SCORE

1

Application strategy

Most applicants will have a really varied range of chances across different universities – it's important to understand that this is normal!

To put this in context remember that most medical schools have at least 10 applicants for each place. Therefore a chance of 10% or more represents an above-average chance of admission at most medical schools. Particularly strong applicants will have around a 40% chance of admission, while anything over 50% represents an excellent applicant with an excellent fit to the medical school's selection criteria.

It's important that you think carefully about how to spend your application slots. In most cases we suggest students split their four choices between two 'aspirational' medical schools where they'd most like to go, and two insurance schools where they've got an excellent chance of getting in. If you are in the fortunate position of having excellent chances of getting into all your favourite schools

then congratulations, although it may also be worth spending a single slot on your highest percentage chance as insurance.

However remember that you should only ever select medical schools where you'd be happy to study if they were your only choice. If you'd rather reapply than study at a particular school then you'll be better off spending an application somewhere else, no matter how great your chances of getting into the first school.



10%

the chance of acceptance of an average applicant at most medical schools. 40%

the chance of acceptance of a good applicant at most medical schools.

Greater than 50%

the chance of acceptance of an excellent applicant at most medical schools.

Please also remember that even the strongest applicants will have a range of schools where they have a low chance of admission: this doesn't necessarily reflect on them as an applicant but simply shows that their particular strengths don't match the selection criteria at those schools.

Universities

Here are all your chances of getting into every medical school. You'll find your chances, why they are what they are and how to improve them.



Aberdeen University

31%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 31 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

One of the UK's ancient universities, Aberdeen was founded in 1495. A sciences heavy university (with over half the students reading either medicine, science or engineering), Aberdeen nonetheless has a strong reputation for arts and humanities, with a particular and longstanding reputation for Theology.

Aberdeen was recently named Scottish University of the year by the Times' Good University Guide and usually comes in the world's top 200. The university guarantees accommodation for all first-year undergraduates and has recently spent £20m on new accommodation. With a population of around 200,000 the city is popular with those students who do not wish to live in a large metropolis.

The course

Aberdeen is a city university that provides an integrated course, meaning you'll have patient contact from a very early stage. It is also case-based, so you'll study different facets of medicine associated with a single case – for example the physiology, pharmacology and biochemistry of the lung around a respiratory case.

Intercalation is offered in various medical sciences or medical humanities as part of the course, which would lead to an additional degree.

WHY THIS IS

With Aberdeen adopting a relatively holistic approach to their admissions process, a number of elements of your academic performance contribute to your overall chances here. Aberdeen places significant emphasis on performance at interview. Clearly, it is your personal performance that matters, but our AI has factored into your chances an assessment based on previous successful profiles similar to yours.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

As you haven't yet taken it, thoroughly preparing for the UCAT would give the largest improvement to your chances. Alternatively, increasing your single A grade to an A* would give a roughly equivalent boost. Following up either or both improvements with a strong interview will remain important.

Summary

An ancient university on Scotland's east coast, delivering a modern integrated medicine syllabus. Aberdeen maintains high standards across all of its sciences-strong faculties meaning it is constantly high in international ranking tables.



Birmingham University

<10%

YOUR SCORE

You have a less than 10 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Birmingham is home to one of the leading UK universities, which also falls in the global top 100. With an international student body encompassing over 150 countries, it is perfect for anyone seeking a multicultural university experience in the heart of England. It has almost 70 faculties, boasting a wide variety of degrees at various levels, so applicants can be sure to find a course that they enjoy at this institute.

As the first Russell group university to establish a campus in Dubai, Birmingham University can also offer the experience of studying abroad either for the duration of an entire degree or just a year (depending on degree subject).

The course

Birmingham delivers an integrated course with problem-based learning used throughout, at its Edgbaston campus and its associated University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. Patient contact is limited to 8 days in each of the first two years. From the third year onwards, however, teaching is hospital-based. Problem-based learning is used throughout.

Intercalations are available on a widening range of laboratory or community research-based medical science, policy and management subjects.

WHY THIS IS

Birmingham bases its interview decisions heavily on your IGCSE grades, which is an element of your profile that is already fixed. Since the UCAT score is also significant at Birmingham, the combination of your IGCSEs and UCAT is holding you back.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

The algorithm that Birmingham uses to evaluate IGCSE grades does not work in your favour (especially your 'C'), and there isn't much you can do about that. Should you apply, you should instead focus on interview preparation, as about a quarter of the applicants are eliminated at that stage. Since you haven't yet taken the UCAT, work hard to maximise your score as it will increase your odds more than anything else.

Summary

A long-established Russell Group university set in the extensive Edgbaston campus. Its medicine course is integrated, with problem-based learning [PBL]. Limited patient contact in the first two years, increasing as clinical training becomes hospital-based later.



Brighton Sussex

50%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 50 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

The Brighton and Sussex Medical School is a partnership between the Universities of Brighton and Sussex. The University of Brighton has three campuses (plus one in Eastbourne). The medical school is situated within the University of Sussex campus at Falmer, in the north-east of Brighton. The entire combined university facilities are within a 20-minute cycle ride of each other and the city centre, and an hour's train journey from London.

Medical school students are members of both students' unions, and can join societies at either. Alumni from these two universities range from Frankie Boyle to A.C. Grayling and Rachel Whiteread.

The course

Brighton and Sussex provides a highly integrated course, with significant patient contact and clinical content forming the basis of its systems-based modules. Full-body dissection forms part of the anatomy study and is very popular.

All students carry out an individual research project in year 4, and intercalation is an option for those who wish to pursue a further research-based degree across a wide range of medical science and related subjects.

WHY THIS IS

Since your existing academic performance exceeds the requirements here, your performance in the BMAT is the main factor in determining whether you get an interview. Your mock BMAT score is very good, and if you can repeat or improve upon it would place you in the top 20% of their applicants.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

The BMAT is the most important part of the admissions process here, so you should be focusing on preparing for it since it can further increase your chances. Any more general improvements you can make to your profile are also likely to be of benefit across all medical schools.

Summary

Located in the lively south coast town of Brighton, Brighton Sussex's highly integrated course provides early patient contact and includes full-body dissection, with a research project for all plus intercalation as an option.



Bristol University

26%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 26 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Bristol is a vibrant, student-friendly city, ideal for applicants from all backgrounds. Having been named the best UK city to live in (2014) and the European Green Capital (2015), it offers an abundance of activities to suit anyone's tastes, which creates the perfect environment for students to enjoy their time at university.

Bristol University attracts some of the brightest students from across the globe, thus placing it among the top 50 universities worldwide.

Many employers view a Bristol degree as a mark of excellence, which helps to ensure that graduates can step firmly onto the career ladder.

The course

An integrated course delivered at Bristol's city university facilities and at hospitals in the city and across the region. Although there is early clinical exposure, it is limited in the first two years, before increasing significantly in years 3 to 5.

All students will do at least one research project, but intercalated degrees in either medical science or humanities subjects are available after the third year.

WHY THIS IS

You exceed the minimum entry requirements that Bristol sets, meaning that your post-16 qualifications aren't really considered further in the selection process. Your performance in the UCAT then becomes the principal factor Bristol considers in deciding whether to make an offer and, hence, in the chances our AI has calculated.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Your priority should be to improve your UCAT score, as a better score could boost your chances by up to 14 percent. It almost goes without saying that you should maintain your concentration on schoolwork so that you meet any offer you may get. Your personal statement is less significant here, as it is unlikely to be a critical factor in Bristol's decision-making.

Summary

Highly-rated in league tables, Bristol University is set in the heart of this historic and thriving city, a former European Green Capital. The medicine course is integrated, with research project for all and intercalation an option.



Cambridge University

16%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 16 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

As number one in the Guardian's university league tables for seven consecutive years, Cambridge University boasts one of the most highly regarded and sought-after degrees in the world. Cambridge's collegiate system provides both individual and small group academic study alongside university-wide departments, plus an intimate-scale social and sporting life via events hosted by each college.

Cambridge only accepts the most academically talented and curious students to be taught in state-of-the-art facilities by some of the leading international experts in their respective fields. Graduates from Cambridge are highly employable, and go into a wide range of occupations owing to the transferable skills which are learnt in any discipline at Cambridge.

The course

Cambridge teaches a traditional course, with a clear divide between pre-clinical medical science studies and subsequent clinical training. Oxbridge tutorial teaching is adopted within the various colleges, alongside collective academic study, lectures and related teaching for the entire intake.

There is mandatory intercalation in the third year – with a wide range of degree subjects, extending beyond the strict medical sciences.

WHY THIS IS

Cambridge has a complex selection process in which every area of your academic performance has an effect on your chances. While academic performance has the greatest bearing, Cambridge's specific attention to educational background is also appraised and can influence chances significantly.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Your expected performance in the BMAT is a significant limiting factor so you should do lots of practice before the real thing. While most applicants meet their offer, working to meet or, if possible, exceed your predicted exam grades will be more crucial than a better personal statement.

Summary

An ancient university held in high regard globally. Cambridge teaches a traditional medicine course via small-group college-based supervisions and university-wide departmental teaching. Intercalation is mandatory, in either medical sciences or other disciplines.



Cardiff University

18%

YOUR SCORE

You have an 18 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Cardiff University is located in the heart of the thriving capital of Wales, which is also the UK's most affordable city according to the NatWest student living index. Cardiff is a compact city so students can travel easily and quickly between campus and accommodation.

The city also has a very young demographic which is why it's known for its nightlife. The students' union here also offers more than 60 different sports clubs and various other societies with which to get involved. Academically, students can create their own programme thanks to their flexible module structure meaning modules can be chosen from more than one department.

The course

Cardiff delivers a spiral curriculum and casebased learning, with the same topics re visited in greater depth throughout the course. Patient contact increases from a day per week initially to full integration in clinical teams by year 5. Teaching is split between Cardiff's University Hospital and the central Cathays Campus, with placements at various regional hospitals and practices.

Intercalation in medical-related sciences is a limited option after year 3.

WHY THIS IS

Cardiff takes great account of your school-level qualifications in its selection process. Your chances are reasonably high because you have good IGCSE grades.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

As long as you keep working to maximise your school exam grades to meet any offer, then you should also look forward to other aspects. Although not as important at Cardiff as elsewhere, solid practice for the UCAT will strengthen your overall profile. Thereafter, prepare as well as you can for Cardiff's multiple-mini interview process, as about two-thirds of the candidates are eliminated at that stage.

Summary

Cardiff's Cathays campus is in the heart of Wales' vibrant capital, with the University Hospital a mile and a half to the north. The integrated course has a spiral curriculum, with gradually increasing clinical exposure throughout.



Dundee University

18%

YOUR SCORE

You have an 18 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Overlooking the Tay estuary in Scotland, the University of Dundee was originally a part of the University of St. Andrews. Since it became independent in 1967, the university has certainly made a name for itself, ranking 3rd in Scotland and 24th in the UK in the 2020 Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide.

The city itself, while not one of the most famous in the UK, can punch above its weight, with plenty of nightlife, food, green spaces, and cultural attractions including the V&A Dundee Museum of Design. It's no wonder GQ Magazine described Dundee as "Britain's coolest little city", which ensures a great student experience.

The course

A spiral curriculum is used to deliver a fairly traditional course structure at the medical school within the Ninewells Hospital complex. Both problem-based learning and clinical simulation training are used extensively. Full-body dissection is also a feature not available at all medical schools.

Intercalation is offered, with a wide range of laboratory- and study-based options in areas including medical science, forensic medicine, genetics, health and education.

WHY THIS IS

Dundee's selection process is such that numerous factors in your academic performance and profile influence your chances here. Unfortunately, the way in which Dundee evaluates your IGCSE (especially your 'C') and post-16 exam grades has diminished your chances of achieving an interview.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Whilst maintaining your focus on your schoolwork to meet any offer you might receive, you could now also look at other aspects of your profile. Achieving a good UCAT will be your next step in cementing or improving your chances. Thereafter, you should make sure you are well-prepared for the interview, as around half of the candidates are eliminated at that stage.

Summary

Becoming independent only in 1967, Dundee now frequently ranks highly in its own right in university guides. The traditionally-structured medical course mixes PBL, clinical simulation and full-body dissection within a spiral curriculum.



University of East Anglia

60%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 60 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Ranked 21st by the Complete University Guide UK and top 200 in the Times Higher World University Rankings, the University of East Anglia offers a world class education in the heart of the British countryside. Delivering over 300 courses, its teaching is deemed world class, with 82% of research marked 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent'.

All this is delivered on a single, multi-million pound 320-acre campus that provides excellent sporting facilities, a grade II listed centre for visual arts, and distinctive ziggurat-shaped accommodation blocks alongside academic departments that means internal commuting is never a hassle.

The course

This integrated course is taught at the medical school on the UEA campus and at the immediately adjacent University Hospital. Considerable use is made of problem-based and systems-based learning, with early clinical exposure and frequent patient contact. Dissection is also used within the study of anatomy.

A wide range of intercalations are available with examples ranging from medical science to clinical education and health economics.

WHY THIS IS

Your exam results and predictions suggest that you exceed the academic threshold at UEA, meaning that the factor most influencing your chances is your performance in the UCAT. The other significant factor in the calculation is the performance at interview that our AI has projected, based on comparison of your profile with previous successful applicants.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

As long as you maintain your effort on schoolwork so as to meet any offer you receive, you can also start looking ahead to other important elements. Your performance in UCAT is all-important, so make sure you practice thoroughly for it. Without losing focus elsewhere you could also begin your preparations for interview.

Summary

The multi-million pound, 320-acre campus development provides the University of East Anglia with extensive modern facilities. The similarly modern integrated medicine course is delivered via PBL and system-based learning, with early and frequent patient contact.



Edinburgh University

56%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 56 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Considered to be one of the most desirable places to live in the world, Edinburgh blends the liveliness of being a capital city with the intimacy of being small compared to many others.

Located in the centre of this cultural hub is Edinburgh university itself which has been at the forefront of knowledge since its founding in 1583. With over 280 clubs and societies to choose from, a student at Edinburgh would benefit not only from the many academic opportunities available here, but also from the exciting student life created by the students' union.

The course

A traditional course with mandatory intercalation and a strong focus on research. The first two years are taught in the central university area. Following intercalation, clinical teaching is centred on the School of Medicine at the Royal Infirmary and at other hospitals and practices in Edinburgh and beyond.

Research-based intercalation takes place in year 3, across a wide range of medical sciences and related subjects.

WHY THIS IS

Whilst Edinburgh has recently started interviewing their candidates, they still place a great emphasis on your grades at IGCSE, post-16 examinations and the UCAT. The reason your chances are good is because your academic performance matches well with their ranking method and algorithm.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Whilst maintaining your schoolwork to ensure that you achieve your exam grades to meet any offer, you could also begin to focus on other aspects of your profile. As you haven't yet taken your UCAT, make sure you prepare well for it as a higher score would significantly improve your chances, and has a greater importance here than does your personal statement.

Summary

Scotland's energetic capital, home to the International Festival and the Fringe, holds the ancient university close to its centre. The medicine course is traditional, has a strong research focus and contains a mandatory intercalation.



Exeter University

40%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 40 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Although primarily centred on Exeter itself, Exeter University is composed of three campuses split into six colleges across Devon and Cornwall. Each campus blends modern architecture and brand-new technology within historic cities, thus creating the perfect balance of urban and rural life. Easy access to nearby coast and beaches provides a popular escape for students, especially during exam season.

Having recently risen by four places in the Guardian league table, students at Exeter are privileged to be taught by innovators and leaders in their respective fields, whilst also walking in the footsteps of some respectable alumni such as J.K. Rowling.

The course

Exeter provides an integrated course with a strong emphasis on early and continuing clinical exposure as well as problem-based learning throughout. The first year is taught mainly at the St. Luke's campus, with subsequent years increasingly centred on Trust Hospitals and medical practices across Devon, Cornwall and the South-West.

Intercalation is an option after year 4, across a range of medical sciences plus medical humanities.

WHY THIS IS

Exeter's decision-making process places a strong emphasis on post-16 qualifications grades, and these have a significant influence on the chances calculated. Your UCAT will have less significance here than elsewhere since Exeter uses UCAT scores only in the case of borderline decisions.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

If Exeter is one of your favoured choices make sure that you prepare assiduously for the interview since fewer than half of interview candidates are given an offer here. Although of less importance here, you'll doubtless want to perform well in the UCAT anyway, for the overall strength of your application and for the potentially greater benefit it will bring at other medical schools.

Summary

Exeter's location in a lively city close to the beaches of southwestern England make it a perennial favourite with students. Its integrated medical course with continual clinical contact, PBL and optional intercalation is similarly popular.



Glasgow University

20%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 20 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Having attained recent sporting prominence by hosting the 2014 Commonwealth Games and the 2018 European Championships, Glasgow University is inspiring many young people to be more active, with its world-class sporting facilities available to all students.

Glasgow is also one of the UK's most beautiful cities, and one of the best-connected, boasting easy access to three international airports, and with its own subway network enabling students to travel around the city easily. Being a campus within a city allows students to separate their academic and social lives, easily integrating their academic studies with extracurricular and social activities that the university and city offer.

The course

An integrated course with clinical exposure from first year onwards. Problem-based learning underpins a systems-based approach within a spiral curriculum linking content together across the entire course. Teaching is at the Wolfson Medical School in the main university and the Queen's University Hospital, with placements in year 3 and beyond at hospitals and practices across the west of Scotland.

Intercalations are available across a range of 20 science options.

WHY THIS IS

Glasgow first screens all candidates by their academic performances, then evaluates the personal statement, and finally ranks applicants by UCAT score to determine those whom it will interview. Since your exam results are satisfactory, your UCAT score is brought into the reckoning and is proving the dominant factor in determining your chances.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Whilst you should maintain focus in school to ensure that you meet any offer, your can also begin to strengthen those second and third tier elements. The biggest thing you can do to improve your chances is focus on improving your UCAT score. Fine tune your personal statement if you can, and then prepare well for the interview.

Summary

A beautiful city boasting sports facilities that have hosted recent international events, Glasgow provides multitudinous attractions for students. Its spiral curriculum, integrated course is taught at the city campus and University Hospital, with intercalation an option.



Hull-York University

66%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 66 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

The Hull York Medical School is a partnership between the Universities of Hull and York.

The newest member of the prestigious Russell Group, the University of York is located in one of Britain's most historic cities, often voted one of the best in which to live. The 2020 Sunday Times Good University Guide ranked York as the best of the Russell Group in teaching, and it was also highest in 'overall satisfaction' in the 2019 National Student Survey.

The University of Hull is in one of the most affordable cities in the UK and was ranked as the most affordable in the Natwest 2018 Student Living Index. It is also conveniently structured around one campus.

The course

The first two years of this integrated course is taught at both the Hull and York university campuses. Problem-based learning is utilised, and clinical skills sessions are supplemented by clinical placements. Clinical studies in years 3 to 5 take place at hospitals and practices across the region.

A 'Scholarship and Special Interest Programme' allows deeper study of areas of particular interest, including dissection, and intercalations in medical sciences are possible.

WHY THIS IS

Hull-York selects principally upon consideration of a candidates IGCSE grades and UCAT score. These are the main contributors to your chances. The university does also place emphasis on contextual information, however, and our AI has considered relevant items alongside the academic elements in calculating your odds.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Since you will pass Hull-York's academic threshold, maintain effort on your schoolwork while looking to maximise other parts of your profile. The UCAT remains a significant element in the selection process and can boost your chances, so good preparation will be beneficial. The interview, however, is less significant in candidate selection.

Summary

Hull University, acclaimed for its affordability and student facilities, and the Russell Group York University, set in one of the UK's most historic cities, combine to deliver this integrated medicine course. Dissection and intercalation are both options.



Imperial College

22%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 22 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Imperial University London is the UK's only university to focus solely on business, engineering, science and medicine. With a ranking comfortably in the global top ten, degrees from this university are highly valued by employers across the globe. Aided by their unique "professional development" programme and surrounded by over 100 of Europe's 500 largest companies, students at Imperial are able to benefit from some of the best job market opportunities after graduating.

The university offers generous bursaries of up to £5,000 per annum to students who demonstrate outstanding talent, but who have low household income, thus providing opportunities to those from less affluent backgrounds.

The course

Imperial College School of Medicine places a strong emphasis on science and research in a traditional course that utilises a spiral curriculum. Problem-based learning and case-based teaching provide a clinical focus that supplements the science base. Clinical studies are conducted at hospitals and practices across north and west London.

A medical or science-based intercalation that includes a research project, is built into the course structure.

WHY THIS IS

Your IGCSE and post-16 examination grades take you over the initial threshold at Imperial, following which they have less significance. Thereafter, Imperial's interview screening process has a heavy focus on the BMAT, and this was the dominant factor in our calculation of your chances.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Maintain your effort on your studies to ensure that you meet any offer, but you can also start to enhance your chances in other parts of your application. Thereafter, the BMAT screening will be the most important stage of the selection process ahead of you, so prepare for it above all else.

Summary

As well as the attractions of life in one of the world's great capital cities, Imperial College offers bursaries to outstanding but underprivileged students. The science-based course is traditional but with integrated intercalation.



King's College London

40%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 40 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Located in the centre of one of the UK's most vibrant cities, King's College London has four campuses situated around the Thames. In this prime location, students will never be short of activities to occupy any free time. The university offers accommodation to all their first-year students, as well as a support team to help students settle in without the stress of finding accommodation or navigating around London.

King's international environment brings many students under one roof from various corners of the world thus developing the global network which increases their employability along with world class academics who facilitate their learning and skills.

The course

King's delivers an integrated curriculum including a mandatory intercalation, for which sciences and humanities are options. Dissection is offered and continues to prove popular with students. There is limited patient contact in the early years, but a clinical focus is provided via case-based teaching. Clinical work is undertaken at Guy's, King's College and St Thomas' as well as other hospitals and practices across London and the South-East.

WHY THIS IS

King's has a fairly holistic selection process, such that a number of elements of your academic performance contribute to your overall chances here. KCL is hugely popular with international students, which increases the level of competition between them for places here. So, counter-intuitively, being an overseas student is a disadvantage in their admissions procedure for any individual applicant - although your chances remain high.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Your basic academic performance is likely to meet the requirements at King's. Whilst continuing to work to meet any offer, you can begin to focus on other important factors in their decision-making. A strong UCAT will be heavily influential in increasing your chances, as it is an important part of the admissions decision.

Summary

King's College has facilities grouped around the River Thames in central London, proving attractive to students from around the globe. The integrated medicine course has limited early patient contact, but offers dissection and a mandatory intercalation.



Keele

University

YOUR SCORE You have an under 10 percent chance of successfully gaining

entry to this university.

<10%

Introduction

Keele University is on a single campus set in hundreds of acres of beautiful woodland and parks. Many of the facilities, including the medical school, are ultra-modern. Students live in one of its five halls of residence and are guaranteed accommodation if Keele is their first choice.

The intellectual ethos of the university is one of interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary scholarship. Keele has a particularly strong focus on helping international students settle in and many programmes are dedicated to this purpose. This has, in part, resulted in the Times ranking Keele in the top 5 for student communities.

The course

Keele offers an integrated course that utilises frequent problem-based learning within a spiral curriculum. Studies are split between the main university campus and the nearby University Hospital, with clinical placements also at several other associate hospitals and at practices across the region.

Intercalation for a taught or research-based B.Sc. is an option after year 2, with a Master's degree an alternative after year 4.

WHY THIS IS

Keele has an unusually strong emphasis on their Roles and Responsibilities form, and we have taken this as the dominant factor in determining your chances. It also has a hard decision threshold for the UCAT score, and your performance should be strong enough to pass this.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

As Keele places such emphasis on the Roles and Responsibilities form, if you can still enhance your work experience and volunteering, it will be worthwhile. Also consider how you can present your experience to best effect in the form. After that, your interview performance becomes crucial, since about half of candidates are eliminated at that stage.

Summary

A woodland campus is home to the intensely modern Keele University, which has a strong community ethos and excellent support for international students. The integrated medicine course is delivered between the campus medical school and nearby University Hospital.



Lancaster University

29%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 29 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Having attained seventh place in the Guardian UK University Guide in 2020, Lancaster University is currently ranked within the top ten of all three national league tables. A plethora of further statistics show how Lancaster has recently entrenched itself in the top tier of UK universities: International University of the Year by The Times and The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020 and 3rd in the UK for graduate-level employment, the list goes on.

Of course, facts and figures aren't everything; the collegiate system that enables students to choose a college with its own identity and community provides a starting point for socialising and becoming involved in university life.

The course

This integrated course is delivered encompassing problem-based learning throughout, provides early patient contact, and places significant emphasis on GP and community placements and practice. Teaching is predominantly at the main campus medical school during year 1, and via clinical placements at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary and a number of other hospitals and primary care practices in years 2 to 5. Intercalation is an option after year 4.

WHY THIS IS

Based on your profile, your performance in the BMAT will almost certainly determine whether you get an interview at Lancaster. Lancaster's high level of applications from international students puts you, as one individual applicant, at a bit of a disadvantage in their admissions algorithm. Despite this, your chances remain good.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

As you haven't sat the BMAT yet, your priority should be to focus on preparing for it above anything else. Only once you have achieved a good BMAT will thorough practice for the MMIs will take precedence.

Summary

Lancaster has a relatively small student population and sits high in all major league tables. The main campus medical school is the focus for much of the study and the course places emphasis on GP and community medicine.



Leeds University

35%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 35 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Leeds University is based on a 98-acre campus and is just one mile away from Leeds city-centre. It is the fifth-largest in the UK with just over 35,000 students, yet has a reputation for having a strong community. It has an impressive track record in graduate employability and counts six Nobel Laureates among its alumni.

The university has committed £520 million to expansion and refurbishment to revitalize its campus and upgrade its academic, student accommodation and ancillary facilities. It already boasts many sports and entertainment facilities including a fitness centre called "The Edge" and a contemporary performance space called "stage@leeds".

The course

Leeds University Medical School is adjacent to the Leeds General Infirmary and also close to other university facilities. A systems-based and integrated course is delivered that offers early patient contact, full body dissection and a range of intercalation options after years 2, 3 or 4.

Clinical training placements at the Infirmary and other acute and general hospitals in the area, plus GP and community practices increase in later years.

WHY THIS IS

The dominant factors in determining your chances at Leeds are your grades at IGCSE and your BMAT score. The other factor of significance is your anticipated performance at the MMIs that Leeds uses, and which our AI has projected based on comparison of your profile with those of similar candidates who have been successful here. Around 40% of those who are invited to interview at Leeds are given an offer.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Keep up the effort in your schoolwork to ensure that you meet any offer that you receive should you apply here, and start to bolster the other elements that affect your chances. The BMAT now offers the biggest remaining opportunity to significantly improve your chances. Then, of course, your focus can turn to a strong interview performance.

Summary

A campus-based medical school adjacent to the main teaching hospital and close to the centre of this major city. Leeds' systems-based integrated course includes early patient contact and full-body dissection plus intercalation options at several stages.



Leicester University

51%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 51 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Leicester University prides itself on being one of the most socially inclusive in the UK. It is also one of the most affordable places to live in the UK as a student. The university guarantees accommodation to first-year students if they firmly accept an offer and apply by the September 1st deadline.

The campus is compact, with all teaching buildings within a few minutes' walk, and represents a century of architectural styles. The university is in the heart of the city of Leicester which, with a population of 300,000, has plenty of entertainment to offer a student.

The course

Leicester's patient-focussed integrated course utilises systems-based teaching, with particular emphasis during the first two years. The Medical School has modern simulation, skills training and full-body dissection facilities. More extensive clinical training placements at several acute and general hospitals and practices in the region take place mainly in years 3 to 5.

WHY THIS IS

Your performance at IGCSE and your UCAT score are the dominant factors in determining your chances of getting into Leicester. Based on your profile, your academic performance is better than average compared to the past applicants, and this has increased your odds.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

While maintaining the effort that has lifted you above the initial threshold, you can look to improve aspects that can bolster your chances further. The UCAT is the element that remains available and can bring the biggest improvement to your chances. The rewards of assiduous practice could be significant.

Summary

Leicester is a compact campus within a small city offering much in the way of facilities and entertainment. The medicine course is patient-focussed and offers full-body dissection alongside modern simulation and skills training facilities.



Liverpool University

26%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 26 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

The second oldest of the current "red-brick" universities and ranked among the top 200 hundred universities globally, the University of Liverpool embodies the pioneering nature of its city. Students will always be kept busy both academically and socially, with its campus only a few minutes' walk from the centre of a city rich with culture, history, nightlife and affordable housing.

Prospects are also decent after graduating, with 96.9% of the UK undergraduates in employment or further study six months after graduation, according to the Destination of Leavers from Higher Education survey of 2016/2017.

The course

Liverpool delivers its course via integrated systems-based learning within a spiral curriculum. Early years are focussed on basic and clinical sciences, and clinical skills, predominantly at the university campus. Years 3 to 5 increase clinical exposure in surgery and medicine at a number of hospitals and GP and community practices in Liverpool and the North-West.

Intercalation is possible after year 3, with a range of medicine-related science among the options.

WHY THIS IS

Your UCAT score is proving to be the dominant factor in calculating your chances at Liverpool. Since you meet sufficient criteria that you should get an interview, how you do on the day will then be crucial. Our AI has projected your chances by comparison of your profile with those of previous similar and successful candidates.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

A range of factors remain open to you for the improvement of your chances. The UCAT offers a big opportunity to improve your chances. Doing lots of practice in preparation should be your priority, whilst maintaining or improving your post-16 examination grades.

Summary

Liverpool is a city renowned for its history and vibrant, cosmopolitan atmosphere, and the university is one of the oldest "red-bricks". Its medical school delivers and integrated, spiral curriculum, with science-based intercalations an option.



Manchester University

46%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 46 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

An historic 19th century "red-brick" university and part of the prestigious Russell Group, Manchester University is the second largest in the UK. The rankings it has attained perhaps explains its popularity: 27th in the QS 2020 World University Rankings, and 15th in the 2020 Complete University Guide UK. It has the funding to match too, with one of the largest endowments and incomes of any UK university.

In terms of student life, Manchester is vibrant and dynamic, with its campus located near a city centre that rivals London in liveliness and diversity, while its alumni, ranging from Benedict Cumberbatch to Brian Cox, bear testament to the university's formidable reputation.

The course

This integrated course is underpinned by case-based learning throughout. Years 1 and 2 are based at the main campus although some early clinical exposure is provided, and whole-body dissection is also studied. Clinical training during years 3 to 5 is undertaken at a "base" hospital, as well as other hospitals and care practices in the region.

A range of intercalation options are available after years 2, 3 or 4.

WHY THIS IS

The academic factor which influences your chances the most at Manchester is your performance in the UCAT. Your chances are also based on how well applicants with similar profiles to yours have performed at interview at Manchester.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Whilst the UCAT a major determinant in your chances, make sure you keep working to maximise your post-16 examination grades in order to meet any offer you receive. Your performance in the UCAT is all-important, so make sure you practice thoroughly for it. In addition, try to keep the interview in mind and practice steadily to make sure that you are well-prepared.

Summary

Manchester University is the second largest in the country, and a Russell Group member, situated in a well-known, modern and exciting city. Its medical school is on the main city campus and provides an integrated course.



Newcastle University

35%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 35 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

A Russell Group member, Newcastle University is located on the north-eastern coast of England. It is a medium-sized establishment hosting around 20,000 undergraduate students, of which a tenth come from overseas. Unlike many other UK universities, it offers a special combined honours degree that allows students to choose modules from across the arts, humanities and social sciences faculties. This wider insight and greater flexibility is similar to that of many American universities, but within a 3-year course.

Students benefit from being at the heart of the vibrant culture of the city, with the main campus located only about a mile from the city centre, including the renowned Sage music and arts centre.

The course

Newcastle provides an integrated course founded on case-based learning. During the first 2 years the essentials of medical practice are developed, incorporating early clinical and community experience. Clinical training in years 3 to 5 take place within one of four "base units" that each provide the full range of placements in each of the specialist areas studied.

Intercalation for a B.Sc. after year 2, or a Master's after year 4 are alternative options.

WHY THIS IS

Your chances are dominated by your performance in the UCAT since Newcastle use it as the most important factor in interview selection. Your performance at interview is the subsequent, and inherently uncertain, factor contributing to your chances. Our AI has projected an outcome by comparison of your overall profile to those of previous successful candidates.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Whilst the UCAT is an important element, don't let up on the effort needed to make sure you meet any offer you receive. Having said that, your performance in UCAT is all-important, so make sure you practice thoroughly for it. Once done, you can focus on making sure you're well-prepared for the interview.

Summary

A Russell Group member, Newcastle University is located on a campus close to the centre of this well-known northern English city. The integrated medicine course utilises case-based learning, with early incorporation of clinical and community experience.



Nottingham University

23%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 23 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

In the top 25 across the UK's major league tables, the University of Nottingham is a member of both the Russell Group and the collaborative, research-intensive Universitas 21 group of leading universities from eighteen different countries. While Nottingham might not be as large as London or Manchester, its status as the 6th best on the QS Best Student Cities ranking 2019 shows it can certainly hold its own.

Those wanting to study further afield are also well catered for, with Nottingham being unique in having international campuses in both Malaysia and China – showcasing the university's global connections.

The course

Nottingham delivers an interesting course that awards an extra BMedSci degree without the need for an intercalation (although you can still intercalate a PhD or Master's if you wish). The course uses case-based learning, includes early clinical placement in primary and secondary care, and also offers full body dissection

The clinical phase occupies the end of year 3 plus years 4 and 5, with placements at hospitals and practices across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.

WHY THIS IS

Your strong performance at IGCSE is particularly helping your chances of being interviewed at Nottingham. Your score in the UCAT has also been taken into consideration, as has your anticipated performance at interview, which our AI has projected by comparing your overall profile with those of previous successful candidates.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Keep up the effort to ensure that you meet any offer you receive, and also look ahead to the following aspects. Your performance in the UCAT is a significant element in your chances, so make sure you practice thoroughly for it. Following that, make sure you're well-prepared for the interview.

Summary

A member of both the Russell Group and Universitas 21, Nottingham also has campuses in Malaysia and China. It has an interesting course incorporating a medical science degree as well as the GMC-accredited BMBS degree, plus intercalation options.



Oxford University

<10%

YOUR SCORE

You have a less than 10 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Having retained its first place for four years in a row, few words are needed to describe the prestige and excellence that comes with an Oxford degree. As the UK's oldest university and boasting impressive lists of alumni and academics, the university is a magnet for its world class teaching and research. Its 33 undergraduate colleges deliver the world-renowned tutorial study/teaching that complements its university-wide academic departments.

With 43% of the student body coming from over 150 countries and territories, Oxford offers both a cosmopolitan and unique student experience. Its colleges also provide the close-knit student community that is the hub of social and sporting life.

The course

A traditional course that is delivered via college-based tutorial teaching as well as full cohort lectures and small group laboratory work through the first three years, with a mandatory research-based intercalation in medical science.

Although remaining attached to a college, years 4 to 6 provide clinical training based mainly at the John Radcliffe Hospital, as well as other hospitals in the area to cover all required specialist rotations.

WHY THIS IS

While Oxford requires a consistently strong profile, it places significant emphasis on IGCSE performance and BMAT score. Your performance in both takes you over that initial threshold. Oxford's international reputation draws large numbers of students from all parts of the world, meaningthat competition for the available places is fierce. This level of competition puts you at a disadvantage in their application process.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Although you should aim to maximise your exam results to increase your chances further, you can also focus on other important matters for Oxford. The biggest thing you can do to improve your chances is to try to achieve a higher score in the BMAT. If you can manage a good score, then prepare assiduously for interview since it is more challenging at Oxford than at many other universities.

Summary

One of the world's oldest and most renowned universities. Oxford's colleges provide both an intimate social environment and the tutorials that are the rigorous academic strength supporting the university-wide departmental delivery of its traditional medicine course.



Introduction

One of the larger universities in the UK, Plymouth is the only one of the UK's "new" universities to have a medical school. The university has recently invested over £155m in facilities, which are predominantly at its city centre campus, although it also has medicine and dentistry facilities at Derriford Hospital. With its coastal location and naval history, Plymouth has a particularly strong reputation in marine and maritime research.

All undergraduates have accommodation for their first year, in central locations close to the city's many attractions including theatre, marina, surfing, boating and nightlife. Plymouth is one of the cheapest places to study in the UK.

The course

Plymouth's integrated course provides patient interaction from the first few weeks, with supplemental problem-based and clinical case-based learning. Within this context, basic science and core medical knowledge are taught in the first two years. Clinical placements in hospitals and GP practices in Plymouth and the region increase during years 3 to 5, culminating in full involvement in a hospital medical team. A wide range of intercalation options are available.

Plymouth University

56%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 56 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

WHY THIS IS

The criteria against which Plymouth screen means that your performance in the UCAT is the factor which has the most influence on your chances of receiving an offer here. The other element of significance is your performance at interview, for which our AI made a projection based on comparison of your profile with those of previous successful candidates.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

While you keep up the effort on achieving grades required to meet any offer you receive, you can also look to bolster other aspects of your profile. Your performance in UCAT is all-important, so make sure you practice thoroughly for it. Once that is successfully negotiated, turn your attention to thorough interview preparation.

Summary

Plymouth is a famed naval and maritime city that offers both city and coastal attractions to its students. In its integrated course, the Peninsula Medical School teaches at the main Plymouth campus and at hospitals across the south-west.



Queen Mary's University

25%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 25 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Queen Mary's is both a college of the University of London and a member of the prestigious Russell Group. It has a strong international reputation with around half of its students coming from overseas. Medicine is one of its renowned and longstanding strengths, and it delivers its medicine-related courses in partnership with Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry.

It is well situated across four campuses in the East End of London, with all the benefits of being in the capital. Queen Mary's also has various programmes allowing students to study in other countries such as China, Greece and Malta.

The course

Also called Bart's and The London, this is one of the oldest medical schools, now offering a modern course with problem-based learning, much of it based on early patient contact and clinical cases. Years 3 and 4 build on basic science and medical knowledge with clinical placements, while year 5 combines further placements with medical school teaching.

Intercalation for both Bachelor and Master's degrees is an option at various stages.

WHY THIS IS

Queen Mary's mainly considers your post-16 qualifications and performance in the UCAT when shortlisting for interview, and has stiff requirements in both. You have very good grades for your post-16 qualifications, which are particularly boosting your chances.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

The adequacy of your post-16 exam grades now allows you to look to other aspects of your profile. Any improvement to your UCAT score will significantly boost your chances, which will then leave you with interview preparation as your final hurdle before an offer.

Summary

A venerable medical school teaching a modern, integrated course using clinical-case PBL and with early patient contact. Queen Mary's is a Russell Group member with around 50% of its students attracted by its academic excellence and London location.



Queen's University Belfast

28%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 28 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

The UK's ninth-oldest university, Queen's University Belfast is ranked in many areas as the best university in Northern Ireland, and high in the UK-wide league tables. The university is a member of the Russell Group, has a strong research reputation, and has produced alumni including Seamus Heaney and David Trimble.

It is well situated in the student-friendly city of Belfast, and the rest of Northern Ireland can easily be reached. It also has an impressive employment record for its graduates, with consistently well over 90% of its graduates are in employment or further study six months after graduation.

The course

Queen's delivers an integrated course that includes early patient contact and clinical placements, and anatomy teaching includes whole body dissection. Basic science and medicine is taught from a systems perspective, developing medical knowledge before a move into broader clinical training, which increases during years 3 to 5 and takes place in hospitals and primary care across Northern Ireland.

Intercalation options at Bachelor's and Master's degree level are available.

WHY THIS IS

Queen's Belfast's selection is predominantly based on a combination of your IGCSE grades and UCAT score. Your performance in IGCSEs and UCAT isn't well optimised for how the overall academic score is calculated here.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

You should maintain focus on your schoolwork to meet any offer, but still have opportunities for enhancement in other areas. Improving your score in the UCAT would significantly improve your chances of getting an interview, so you should work hard on practicing for it.

Summary

Northern Ireland's only medical school is part of this ancient university in the revitalised and vibrant city of Belfast. Although and integrated course it has a strong science foundation and full-body dissection, introducing clinical training later.



St Andrew's University

38%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 38 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

As the third oldest university in the English-speaking world and the oldest of the Scottish universities, St. Andrews certainly lives up to its motto: "Ever to Excel". Ranked second by the 2020 Guardian UK University Guide, and the top Scottish university by the 2020 Complete University Guide, St. Andrews regularly tops league tables. Whilst that might be partially down to the idyllic settings of its eponymous town, the university is far from disconnected with the outside world.

St. Andrews is a favourite of American students, who make up around 1 in 6 of the student population in 2017, not to mention students and staff representing another 140 nationalities.

The course

St Andrew's offers only the first three years of medical training. After graduating with your B.Sc. honours degree, you transfer to Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Queen Mary's or Manchester to complete your training. The course provides the scientific and medical foundation for a medical career, also developing the clinical and communication skills required during subsequent clinical training. A research project is undertaken during the third year.

WHY THIS IS

St Andrew's has a two-stage selection process.

Candidates are first screened by their work experience and academic performance. Those who pass are then ranked by UCAT score to determine who will be interviewed. Your performance in the UCAT is strong, which has helped your chances in our calculations. The intensity of internation student competition at St Andrew's means that home students tend to more easily receive offers. The strength of your academic performance nevertheless means that your chances remain very good.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Since your examination grades are sufficient to exceed the academic screening threshold, you should now consider the other aspects that will boost your chances here. As you haven't yet sat the UCAT, make sure you are thoroughly prepared for it as a higher score would significantly increase your chances.

Summary

One of the world's oldest universities, much favoured by American students, situated in a beautiful Scottish coastal city. The course provides the first three years of science-based teaching only, with subsequent transfer to other universities for clinical training.



St George's University

35%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 35 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

St George's is unique as a College of the University of London in focussing only on medicine. It is attached to St George's Hospital, which is one of London's largest and busiest hospitals. Furthermore, it boasts Advanced Patient Simulators which provide further training opportunities to students. While a specialist medical school, it offers a diverse range of undergraduate courses such as clinical pharmacology, diagnostic radiography and occupational therapy (all B.Sc.).

It is excellently situated in South-West London, with all of the benefits that come from being in the UK's largest city. It also has a strong reputation for research across medical disciplines.

The course

The course at St George's is traditional in that basic medical science is taught during the first two years, followed by a transition into clinical training in year 3 and increasing clinical placements across various specialisms in years 4 and 5. Teaching is based on clinical cases and problem-based learning is used throughout.

An intercalated B.Sc. degree is an option after year 3.

WHY THIS IS

St George's selection algorithm is such that once you reach the required academic threshold, then your UCAT performance becomes the dominant factor in your chances. St George's also takes account of educational background and demographic data in its selection process. Whilst these are fixed for any candidate, our AI makes allowance for any relevant factors by comparison with historic data.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Having met the initial threshold, you can now begin to look at other matters that will affect your chances here. Your current UCAT score is not expected to be strong enough to guarantee interview. Thorough preparation is crucial, therefore, in order to improve it and get that interview. Only then should you switch your attention fully to interview preparation.

Summary

Uniquely-focussed on medicine, St George's is situated within one of the major hospitals in the UK's capital city. It's traditional course focusses on medical science in the early years with clinical later, and with intercalation an option.



Sheffield University

41%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 41 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Twelfth in this year's QS UK University Rankings, the University of Sheffield has solidly established itself in the top tier of UK universities. delivering over 100 courses with over a quarter of them offering study abroad opportunities, Sheffield offers a range that doesn't sacrifice quality for quantity. That quality led to it being rated second in the Russell Group for student satisfaction in the 2019 National Student Survey.

First-year students are guaranteed accommodation and Sheffield has one of the lowest student living costs in the UK. Alumni include Nobel Prize winning Chemist and Molecular Biologist Sir Richard Roberts and comedian Eddie Izzard.

The course

Systems-based teaching, with clinical case examples and dissection, is used during the early years of Sheffield's integrated course, with significant clinical exposure in hospitals and GP practices from the outset. A research project is completed in year 2, and further clinical science teaching transitions into increasing clinical training that predominates in years 3 to 5.

Both research-based and surgery intercalations are available.

WHY THIS IS

Sheffield's interview selection process is predicated almost exclusively on your UCAT performance. We have, however, also taken into consideration how well you will potentially do at interview, which our AI has projected based on a comparison of your overall profile with those of previous successful candidates.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Whilst the UCAT remains the single biggest determinant in your chances, you must continue your hard work in school to meet any offer you receive. Since your performance in the UCAT is so important, however, make sure you practice thoroughly for it. In addition, you could also make sure you're well-prepared for the interview.

Summary

Highly-ranked in the Russell Group and nationally, Sheffield University is close to the city centre, with the medical school at the nearby Royal Hallamshire Hospital. Clinical exposure from the start and dissection are features of its integrated course.



Southampton University

53%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 53 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

The University of Southampton is one of the founding members of the Russell Group and has a strong research reputation. It delivers its courses across two main and three other campuses in Southampton, plus an international campus in Malaysia. It is consistently ranked in the top 30 universities in the UK and the top 100 in the world. All students are guaranteed accommodation for two years in Halls of Residence.

The city, on the south coast, is student-friendly and only 60 miles from London. The university has an especially strong reputation for engineering and puts strong emphasis on collaboration with industry in the syllabus.

The course

Southampton's integrated course is delivered at its main university campus and the nearby University Hospital. Problem-based learning is a feature of the first two years during which there is also significant clinical exposure and patient contact. A 16-week research project is undertaken in year 3, which also provides the transition into clinical training that takes place predominantly in years 4 and 5.

Intercalation is an option between years 3 and 4.

WHY THIS IS

After passing the initial academic screening, the single most significant impact on your chances at Southampton is your performance in the UCAT. The other, somewhat lesser consideration in the calculations is how well you'll perform at interview. This our AI has derived by comparing your profile with those of similar, previously successful students.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Although your IGCSE and post-16 grades will take you through the initial screening, maintain your effort to meet any offer you receive whilst also strengthening other elements. After that, your performance in UCAT is hugely important to getting an interview, so make sure you practice thoroughly for it. Once achieved, the interview practice can commence.

Summary

A founding Russell Group member, Southampton is based on campuses close to the large Southampton Common. Its integrated course features PBL underpinning science teaching and a research project, with intercalations a further option.



University College London

31%

YOUR SCORE

You have a 31 percent chance of successfully gaining entry to this university.

Introduction

Among the most respected of the myriad institutions that constitute the University of London, University College London has always comfortably held top spots in both national and international rankings – currently from eighth to eighteenth place in four major league tables.

Its central London location has shaped the university's structure, from the vibrancy of student life, with one of the UK's oldest students' unions, to its many partnerships with other institutions, from the Russell Group to its very own UCL Partners Centre, the world's largest academic health science centre. With around 90% of UCL graduates entering work or further study within six months of graduating, a degree from UCL is hugely beneficial to its students.

The course

UCL delivers a traditional course with a strong focus on research and a mandatory intercalated BSc. Dissection is also a feature. Medical and clinical science teaching occupies the first two years at the central London Medical School, followed by the intercalated B.SC degree. The final three years provide the bulk of clinical training in the associated University College Hospital, as well as the Royal Free, Whittington and primary care practices.

WHY THIS IS

Having passed UCL's initial academic screening, your performance in the BMAT is proving to be the most important factor in determining your chances of interview. Unfortunately, being an overseas student is disadvantageous in UCL's admissions algorithm, marginally diminishing your overall chances despite strengths in other parts of your profile.

IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Whilst you should now look forward to subsequent stages in order to secure an interview, don't lose sight of the need to achieve the grades for any offer that you receive. The BMAT should now be your principal focus, since it is hugely important to getting an interview, so make sure you practice thoroughly for it. Once achieved, interview practice can take precedence.

Summary

Continuously highly-ranked in league tables, the Russell Group UCL is situated in central London. Its medical school teaches a traditional and research-focussed course utilising the associated University College Hospital, and with integral intercalation for all students.





The next steps

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By now you should feel fully informed and ready to take the steps needed to improve your chances, as well as choosing carefully where to apply. Remember that by carefully spending your four application slots to balance out the medical schools you like the most with those where you've got the greatest chance, you can give yourself the highest possible chance of success.

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