International Foundation Programme for Medicine

For entry in September 2018

The University of St Andrews in Scotland offers a world-class educational and cultural experience for students who want to achieve success at an internationally renowned university.

International Foundation Programmes at the University of St Andrews

Our pre-degree programmes combine academic English and subject-specific content to enable you to maximise every aspect of your university experience. Your foundation year will allow you to develop as an individual and as a member of the academic community at an ancient, high-ranking university.

Our International Foundation Programme for Medicine:

- is a one-year pre-degree programme (September-June)
- offers the potential to move onto a degree in Medicine at the University of St Andrews
- combines a unique blend of sciences, communication skills and academic literacy with essential aspects of medicine (statistics, communication skills, medical ethics) and a first aid qualification
- features small-group teaching by specialist teachers and staff from the School of Medicine
- includes a dedicated personal tutor for 1:1 instruction and support
- offers the opportunity to volunteer with a local charity
- has an all-inclusive fee covering tuition, en-suite accommodation, meals, airport transfer, course books and materials, Medicine-specific trips to the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh and The Burn (a subsidised trip to a study retreat)
Who is eligible to apply for the International Foundation Programme for Medicine?

- High school students or recent school-leavers
- Overseas students only
- Overseas students whose school qualification type (not grades*) requires them to complete a pre-degree/foundation programme
- Overseas students whose English language proficiency does not yet meet the minimum required for study at undergraduate level

Who is not eligible to apply for the International Foundation Programme for Medicine?

- Graduates
- Students who are designated as Home or EU students, for fees purposes
- A-Level and IB students are not usually considered as they have alternative entry routes to Medicine available to them

*We are not a means for A-Level or IB students to improve their grades. We also show preference to students who have not attended A-Level colleges in the UK and are applying directly from their national high school.

Minimum entry requirements:

Academic:
A grade average of around 85% (or equivalent). Your Science and Mathematics grades must be consistently strong and you will need particularly good results in Chemistry and Biology.

*The grades depend on your country and your high school curriculum.

English language proficiency:
IELTS (Academic) 6.5 overall with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component. If you require a Tier 4 Study Visa, you will need the IELTS (Academic) for UKVI version of the test.

Other entry requirements:

- At least 2 weeks (preferably more) of relevant work experience, volunteering and/or clinical observations in a caring or health environment
- An excellent academic reference on your school’s headed paper, signed by the referee
- A successful interview with the Programme Director for Medicine, or other senior staff member from the University of St Andrews. All applicants who are made an offer will be interviewed, usually on Skype or Zoom, but – where possible – in person
A 400-word personal statement that demonstrates your commitment to Medicine. It should address why you believe you are a suitable candidate for the International Foundation Programme at St Andrews and show evidence of any relevant voluntary work or clinical experience you have undertaken.

**How do students move from Foundation to the Degree in Medicine?**

To enter the BSc (Hons) Medicine, students must successfully complete a) the International Foundation Programme for Medicine and meet b) the School of Medicine entry requirements.

**a) Successful completion of the International Foundation Programme for Medicine (ET1030)** involves achieving an overall grade average of 14.0 on the University of St Andrews' 20-point reporting scale. Six elements are included in the overall grade – three from each semester. The six elements are equally weighted.

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In addition to achieving an overall grade of 14.0 or higher, students are required to achieve the following grades:

1. A minimum grade of 12 must be obtained in:
   - CH1401 (Inorganic & Physical Chemistry)
   - BL1101 (Biology 1) or PS1001 (Psychology 1)
   - CH1601 (Organic and Biological Chemistry 1) or PS1002 (Psychology 2)
2. A minimum grade of 14 must be obtained in:
   - Human Biology and Introduction to Medicine and Human Biology
   - Academic Language and Communication A
   - Academic Language and Communication B

b) **School of Medicine entry requirements** that must be achieved in order to move on to the undergraduate degree in Medicine at St Andrews are:
   - A **competitive score in the** UKCAT (UK Clinical Aptitude Test), which must be taken in the summer before you begin the Foundation Programme. *If you are joining the September 2018 programme, you must take the UKCAT between July and October 2018*, but we strongly recommend you take it before you arrive in St Andrews in the September. The required minimum score for the UKCAT will be advised by the School of Medicine in April 2018. A score from an earlier test (taken before July 2018) **cannot** be used to meet this requirement. Students who have successfully completed their Foundation Programme in 2019, but who have not yet achieved the required UKCAT score, would be allowed to sit (or resit) the test in early July 2019. The required minimum score for tests taken in July 2019 will be advised by the School of Medicine in April 2019
   - **Successful MMIs (Multiple Mini Interviews).** Students are interviewed during the second semester of the Foundation programme and preparation for this is included in the Foundation Programme
   - **IELTS 7.0 overall with a minimum score of 7.0 in each component** – to be achieved before matriculation onto the BSc (Hons) Medicine (that is, by mid-August 2018)

**What is the duration of the Medicine degree at St Andrews?**

Students who successfully complete the one-year International Foundation Programme for Medicine **and** meet the entry requirements for the School of Medicine will move onto a six-year programme.

Phase 1 (Years 1-3) is the BSc Honours degree in Medicine at the University of St Andrews Phase 2 (Years 4-6) is the MB ChB at the University of Manchester School of Medicine.
It therefore takes a total of 7 years from entering Foundation to MB ChB graduation.
For more information on the Medicine degree programme, please refer to the School of Medicine.

When should you apply for the International Foundation Programme in Medicine?
Our application cycle runs from October to July but we process all applications on a rolling basis, which means that we make offers as applications are received. We have limited places to offer so we advise early application because, typically, we will have filled our places by April/May and be able to offer waiting list places only after that time. Please DO NOT WAIT for your results (high school or English language) before you apply. Apply with your most recent results and a personal statement and we can make an offer conditional on any other evidence we need.

How do you apply for the International Foundation Programme for Medicine?
Apply online, directly to the University of St Andrews. (There is no UCAS option.) We will acknowledge your application immediately and aim to advise you of our decision within 7 working days.

How much does the Foundation Programme cost?
For 2018-19, the total fee for the one-year International Foundation Programme for Medicine is £27,000. This fee includes:

- Tuition
- Accommodation (your own en-suite study bedroom room in a same-gender apartment)
- A bedding pack (double duvet, 2 pillows, flat sheet, duvet cover and 2 pillow cases)
- A 14-meals/week meal plan during the semester (not vacations)
- Access to the books you need during the Programme
- Laboratory kit and coat
- Airport transfer on arrival
- Programme-related excursions and subsidised extra-curricular events
Pathway to Medicine (September and January Intakes)

We also offer a two-phase Pathway to Medicine for students who require additional preparation. Phase 2 is the International Foundation Programme for Medicine, described above); Phase 1 provides additional Science and Medicine preparation, including training for the UKCAT. Students can choose the 18-month Pathway, beginning in January 2019, or the two-year Pathway that starts in September each year.

Further information:

International Foundation Programmes: 
http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/foundation/

International Foundation Programme for Medicine:
http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/foundation/medicine/

Medicine FAQs: http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/foundation/medicine/faq/

What will I study: http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/foundation/medicine/whatwillistudy/

University of St Andrews School of Medicine: 
http://medicine.st-andrews.ac.uk/prospectus/

Manchester Medical School: http://sites.mms.manchester.ac.uk/st-andrews/

UKCAT http://www.ukcat.ac.uk

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