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 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 in order to develop key skills
- 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 Foundation Programme for Medicine?

- High school students or recent school-leavers
- Overseas students only
• Overseas students whose high 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 undergraduate degree level study.

Who is not eligible to apply for the Foundation Programme for Medicine?
• graduates
• students who are Home (UK) or EU, 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 on' their grades. We also prefer students who have not attended A-level colleges in the UK and are applying directly from their national high school.

Minimum entrance 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 6.5 overall with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component

Other entry requirements:
• A 400 word personal statement that evidences your commitment to Medicine
• At least 2 weeks (but preferably more) of relevant work experience 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 but – if possible – in person.
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:
   - Introduction to Medicine
   - Academic Language and Communication 1
   - Academic Language and Communication 2

   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 have been taken in the summer before you begin the Foundation programme. If you are joining the September 2017 programme, you must take the UKCAT between July and October of 2017. The required minimum score for the UKCAT is advised by the School of Medicine in April, so we will advise the score required for 2017 tests in April 2017

• Successful MMIs (Multiple Mini Interviews). Students are interviewed during the second semester of the Foundation programme and preparation is included

• 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 August 2018)

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

Student who successfully complete the one-year International Foundation Programme for Medicine and meet the entry requirements for the School of Medicine will move onto the Medicine degree 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 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 Foundation programme?

Our application cycle for the Medicine programme runs from 1 October to March 31st. We process all foundation programme applications on a rolling basis which means we make offers as applications are received and, because we have limited places to offer, we advise early application. Please DO NOT WAIT for your results (high school or language) before you apply. Apply with your most recent results and we can make an offer conditional on any results you do not yet have.

### How should you apply for the Foundation programme?
Apply online, directly to the Centre for International Foundation Programmes. (There is no UCAS application.) We will acknowledge your application immediately and aim to advise you of our decision within 7 working days.

**How much does the Foundation Programme for Medicine cost?**

For 2017-18, the total fee for the one-year International Foundation Programme for Medicine is £26,000. This fee includes:

- Tuition
- Accommodation (your own en-suite room in a same-gender apartment)
- A bedding pack
- A 14-meals/week meal plan during the semester (not vacations)
- Books
- Laboratory kit and lab coat
- Airport transfer on arrival
- Programme-related excursions and subsidised extra-curricular events

**January Intake Pathway to Medicine**

We also offer a 20-month, two-phase Pathway to Medicine for students who require additional science preparation before undertaking the Foundation Programme for Medicine.

**Further information:**

International Foundation Programmes [http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/foundation/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/elt/foundation/)

International Foundation Programmes brochure [http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/elt/documents/CIFP%20Pre-Degree%20Programme%202016.pdf](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/elt/documents/CIFP%20Pre-Degree%20Programme%202016.pdf)

School of Medicine [http://medicine.st-andrews.ac.uk/prospectus/#](http://medicine.st-andrews.ac.uk/prospectus/#)

UKCAT [http://www.ukcat.ac.uk](http://www.ukcat.ac.uk)

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