Guaranteed Interview Scheme 2020

Introduction

The Guaranteed Interview Scheme (G.I.S) is an opportunity for Sussex students that would like to transfer to study medicine at the Brighton & Sussex Medical School (BSMS) during or after their first degree. It is NOT an automatic transfer into BSMS but rather an opportunity to obtain a guaranteed interview if you meet the criteria. It is also NOT a guarantee of the subsequent success of the interview.

Who can apply?

The scheme is open to students studying the following degrees in either your first or final year of study (Year 3 if you are on the BSc or Year 4 if you are on the MSci).

- Biomedical Science
- Medical Neuroscience
- Pharmacy

Please note: you are only eligible to use this scheme ONCE.

Do I need to complete a BMAT?

The BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) is used by higher education institutions for entry to Medicine, Biomedical Sciences and Dentistry degrees. All students applying at BSMS are required to take the BMAT as part of their application. BSMS is a certified BMAT test centre and therefore you can take your test here (there are other test centres in the UK if these are more convenient for you). Please note that a registration fee applies to all those that want to take the test.

For more information about attending a BMAT test session, please see the following link: https://www.admissionstesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/

BMAT tests occur at BSMS in September and November of this year (registration details, test dates and the results procedure can be found on the document attached).

If you take the November BMAT you will not receive your results in time to add them to your application. Please make us aware on your application that your results are pending. BSMS will be able to check your results once they have received your application.

Coronavirus update: BMAT advise there are no plans for the September or November tests to be taken remotely at this stage. We advise you to keep checking the BMAT website for further information. (https://www.admissionstesting.org/campaigns/coronavirus/)

What key dates do I need to know?

24 June – Registration opens online for taking September BMAT at BSMS
5 September – September BMAT test date at BSMS
1 September – Registration opens for taking November BMAT at BSMS
15 October – Deadline to send UCAS application to BSMS
20 October – Deadline to send application form & documentation to Life Sci School Office
4 November – November BMAT test date at BSMS
What are the academic requirements?

There are a couple differences to the requirements based on the academic year that you are applying in. See below for details:

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<td>GCSE (or equivalent) results</td>
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<td>A-Levels</td>
<td>AAA including Biology and Chemistry (all obtained in first sitting)</td>
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<td>International Baccalaureate</td>
<td>Level 36 overall AND grade 6 in Higher Level Chemistry and Biology</td>
<td>At least Grade B or grade 6 in the new grading scheme in Mathematics and English Or at least grade 5 in SL/HL English and Maths</td>
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<td>Class-attendance</td>
<td>Excellent Term 1 attendance</td>
<td>Excellent attendance across all Terms</td>
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<td>Assignment submission history</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Excellent assignment submission history by deadline</td>
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<td>Module results</td>
<td>70% average for Autumn Term (if results available)</td>
<td>70% overall average for Year 2 for 3 year degree courses / Year 3 for 4 year degree courses.</td>
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<td>IELTS (if English is not your first language)</td>
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Are there any additional requirements?

We also require from you the following:

- UCAS application made to BSMS (A100) Medicine by 15th October 2020
- Health-related work experience in your UCAS personal statement

How do I apply?

You will need to complete an application form with the following documents attached:

1) BMAT results (if online, this can be provided as a screenshot showing your name and result)
2) UCAS application to BSMS
3) UCAS personal statement
4) Details of any health-related work experience (can be a Word document including dates, names, locations etc.)

5) Evidence of an IELTS score of 7 with scores of at least 7 in all subsets if English is not your first language

You can ask for an application form to be sent to you via e-mail by the Life Sciences School Office. Please return your completed application form to the Life Sciences School Office, F.A.O Lauren Wright (l.f.wright@sussex.ac.uk) by Tuesday 20th October 2020.

What will it cost?

The only cost to apply for the scheme is the registration fee for taking the BMAT, the price of which varies by test centre. Please refer to the website for more information:

https://www.admissiontesting.org/for-test-takers/bmat/

If your transfer to BSMS Medicine is successful:

First year applicant - you will need to contact student finance England to find out what money you can receive on a student fee loan and maintenance loan for your medicine degree. You may not be fully funded for all 5 years and therefore must check this individually.

Final year applicant - you will have already completed your first degree before entering medicine and therefore may need to seek alternative sources of funding. There is information here about additional sources of funding:

http://www.sussex.ac.uk/careers/careerchoices/furtherstudy/taughtpostgraduate

Completing your UCAS application

As you are not registering through a college to UCAS, Sussex will not be registered as an Exam Centre or have an Exam Centre Number (this is for students currently taking A-Levels). Therefore, you will need to register through UCAS as an ‘individual’.

Under the education section of the UCAS form, as well as you’re A Level results etc, you will need to state that you are currently studying a BSc/MSci degree with the awarding body set as the University of Sussex. Please provide your predicted degree result which you can obtain through your Academic Advisor or whoever is writing your reference.

If you would like to discuss your options further with regards to this scheme, please contact your Academic Advisor.

If you require assistance with the application process, please contact Lauren Wright in the Life Sciences School Office (l.f.wright@sussex.ac.uk)