

BM6 PROGRAMME – ELIGIBILITY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BM6 PROGRAMME?

All applicants must meet both the **academic** and **non academic entry** requirements for the programme as well as fulfilling at least three **eligibility criteria**. If an applicant exceeds the required academic grades (i.e. achieves grades higher than those we are asking for) you will still be considered for this programme. For full details of the entry requirements please visit our website at

http://www.southampton.ac.uk/medicine/undergraduate/courses/bm6_a102.page?#overview

GENERAL QUESTIONS

I AM AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT. AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE BM6 PROGRAMME?

No, unfortunately not. As the BM6 programme has been specifically designed to widen access into the medical profession in the UK the programme is only open to applicants who have been classified as Home/EU.

I HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED UNIVERSITY IN EITHER THE UK OR OVERSEAS. AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE BM6 PROGRAMME?

No. The BM6 programme is not open to applicants who have previously attended higher education.

I ONLY MEET ONE OR TWO OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE PROGRAMME. AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

No. Only applicants who meet three of the eligibility criteria (and are able to provide evidence of this eligibility where appropriate) may apply for the BM6 programme. If you do not meet three of the six eligibility criteria your application will automatically be rejected.

HOW DO I PROVE I MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

After you have applied for the BM6 programme via UCAS you will be sent an Eligibility Criteria form which you must complete and return to the Admissions Office by the 30th November deadline. To support some of the criteria you **MUST** provide evidence. This will be indicated on the Eligibility Criteria form.

No application will be considered until the Eligibility Criteria form and supporting evidence have been received by the Admissions Office. If you are not able to meet the eligibility criteria you will be rejected for the programme.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1) WHAT IF MY SIBLINGS HAVE ATTENDED/ARE ATTENDING UNIVERSITY?

It does not matter if your siblings are at or have been to university.

WHAT IF MY PARENT/S HAVE ATTENDED A HIGHER EDUCATION COURSE AS A MATURE STUDENT?

We will assess each applicant in this position on an individual basis.

2)-WHAT DOES 'PARENTS, GUARDIAN OR SELF IN RECEIPT OF A MEANS TESTED BENEFIT MEAN?

This means that either you or your parents or guardian (if you still live with them) receive a means tested benefit such as Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit Social Fund (in some cases). It does NOT include CHILD BENEFIT. Applicants must be in receipt of any of the above at the time of applying. We will not accept documentary evidence sent separately, after the 30th November eligibility form deadline.

3)-WHAT DOES 'YOUNG PEOPLE LOOKED AFTER BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY' MEAN?

This is someone who, as a child, has been looked after by a Local Authority and may still be receiving Local Authority Support.

4)-WHAT DOES 'IN RECEIPT OF A 16-19 BURSARY OR SIMILAR GRANT' MEAN?

You may be eligible for this bursary if you are: a young person in care; a care leaver; a young person claiming income support in your own name; a disabled young person who receives both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance in your own name. Students facing genuine financial difficulties may be awarded the bursary at the discretion of their school, college or training provider. For example, transport, meals, books & equipment. The bursary purpose is to provide financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation, so they can remain in education. It does not include a bursary to pay for private school fees.

5)-WHAT DOES 'IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS AT ANY TIME IN YEARS 10-13' MEAN?

If you are, or have ever received, free school meals we would require confirmation of this from your school or your original confirmation letter/document.

6)-WHAT DOES 'RESIDENT IN AN AREA WITH A POSTCODE WHICH FALLS WITHIN THE LOWEST 20% OF THE IMD (INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION) OR A MEMBER OF A TRAVELLING FAMILY' MEAN?

If you choose this eligibility criterion the Admissions Office will use the home address and postcode detailed on your UCAS application form to check the authenticity. Only one address may be used, the address on your UCAS application.