

PRAISE FOR THE 2018 WIDENING ACCESS TO MEDICINE RESIDENTIAL

“The BM6 residential provided an insight into life as an undergraduate medical student that I would not have been able to gain elsewhere. The student mentors were really helpful in answering questions we had about the application process, studying at Southampton University and student life in general. I recommend this residential to anyone who is considering applying to medicine through a widening access programme.”

“It’s been an amazing journey in which I’ve gained so much confidence for my medicine application and I can only thank you for giving me this once in a lifetime opportunity. From learning how to perform a cannulation to taking the medical history of a patient. The student ambassadors and staff at the hospital were exceptional and I couldn’t have been with anyone better. I now feel better prepared for the application process after attending the BM6 residential”.

“This was a really good opportunity to gain an insight to what it is like to study medicine at university and to experience life as a medical student. I enjoyed the clinical skills sessions where we learned suturing, cannulation and taking blood. Above all it was a great opportunity to meet and ask questions to medical students, admission staff, clinicians and doctors”.



Find out more

www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/widening-access-to-medicine-residential.page

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WIDENING ACCESS TO MEDICINE RESIDENTIAL

8-10 APRIL 2019
(BM6)



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Year 3 BMBS Medicine and BMedSc (BM6)

“The foundation year was the most valuable experience in my medical school journey so far. Our small and diverse cohort were able to access high quality teaching and a well-structured curriculum, which helped ensure that we gained the key skills necessary to progress through the consecutive years of medical school. It is also a fun and enjoyable year whereby you develop your confidence through early patient contact across various disciplines of medicine.

Being in a diverse cohort of students was both comforting and brought a sense of appreciation as you realise that other students have come from similar backgrounds to you.

Once qualified, I hope to specialise in Anaesthetics due to the calm yet precise skillset required, and the variety of roles available. Outside of the academia, I am a member of the medic basketball team where I play in competitions and tournaments across the country.

I am also a part time student ambassador and have worked as a mentor during the Widening Access to Medicine residential, a role that has built my confidence, allowed me to meet other people and has helped relieve stress.”



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The University of Southampton is running a 3-day residential for thirty Year 12 students, designed to increase the participant's knowledge of the role of doctors and the training they undergo. The residential will provide opportunities to develop interpersonal skills, increase awareness of the undergraduate medical student experience and to support students in their applications to study Medicine.

What is BM6?

The University of Southampton's BM6 degree programme was established to widen access into the medical profession. It involves studying for an extra year on a specially designed foundation year, or 'year zero', during which you will receive extensive support, before joining year 1 and studying alongside students on the BM5 medical degree programme. The BM6 programme leads to a qualification that allows graduates to register provisionally with the General Medical Council (GMC). Whether you choose to be a physician or a surgeon, a general practitioner or a clinical scientist, or you follow any other path, our BM6 programme represents the first stage in a rewarding career as a doctor.

Why should I apply for the residential?

Whilst this residential does not guarantee you a place on the BM6 programme it will hopefully prepare you for applying to any Widening Access to Medicine programme. All costs relating to the residential will be met by the University of Southampton, including accommodation, food and activities. The University will also cover travel expenses up to a maximum of £85 (total).

What does the residential include?

- A two night stay in student accommodation
- A day of activities at Southampton General Hospital
- Clinical skills and other topical sessions
- Sessions on the UKCAT, student finance and completing your application
- Support of a student mentor
- Evening activities
- Travel reimbursement up to £85

Am I eligible?

This opportunity is for Year 12 students who want to study Medicine at university and intend to apply through a widening access programme. In order to qualify for the BM6 residential you will need to be studying both A Level Biology and Chemistry and meet at least three of the following eligibility criteria:

- First generation applicant to higher education
- Parents, guardian or self in receipt of a means-tested benefit
- Young people looked after by a Local Authority
- In receipt of a 16-19 bursary or similar grant*
- In receipt of free school meals at any point in Years 10-12
- Living in an area with a postcode which falls within the lowest 20 per cent of the Index of Multiple Deprivation (please check here: <http://dclgapps.communities.gov.uk/imd/idmap.html>), or a member of a travelling family.

*Where an applicant chooses the Free School Meals criteria and the 16-19 bursary criteria, the 16-19 bursary must be awarded for something other than Free School Meals. Eg. Transport costs between home and college, text books/stationery/printing.

Applicants should normally only submit eligibility criteria relating to one postcode/address. The IMD score will be checked and verified by a member of the Outreach team.

How do I apply?

You will need to submit your completed application form online by 24 February 2019. We will use the information you provide on this form during the selection process for a place on the residential.

The application form must be supported by a member of staff at your school/college. This could be your personal tutor, subject teacher or another member of staff. Information for teachers can be found on the residential's webpage (see below).

To view or complete the application form, please visit: www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/widening-access-to-medicine-residential.page

APPLICATION TIMELINE

24 FEBRUARY 2019

Applications close

8-10 APRIL 2019

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NOVEMBER 2018

Speak to a member of staff at your school/college about supporting your application

3 DECEMBER 2018

Applications open

28 FEBRUARY 2019

Successful applicants notified

MAY-OCTOBER 2019

Optional ongoing support through WAMSoc mentoring

WHY STUDY AT SOUTHAMPTON?

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TOP 20
UK University*

*The Complete University Guide 2019

The University of Southampton is ranked within the top

1%
of the world's universities*

*QS World University Rankings® 2019

99%
of students

who study Medicine at the University of Southampton are in work or further study six months after completing the course*

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