

Guidance Information for Teachers.

Thank you for agreeing to provide an academic reference in support of an application to one of the University of Southampton's widening participation programmes or residential*.

This form should be completed by a teacher, school guidance counsellor, principal/head teacher, head of year/sixth-form or careers advisor at the applicant's current FE institution.

Competition for places is extremely high, so this reference will be used by the University in order to shortlist suitable applicants for their chosen programme.

Please note: The reference should be completed on official letterhead, signed and dated. A copy should then be given to the applicant to upload onto their application form or emailed directly to outreach@soton.ac.uk. If sending by email, please include the students name as the subject and the name of the scheme that they are applying to (e.g. John Smith: Widening Access to Medicine Residential)

Please provide details on the following:

- Verify that the applicant meets the specific eligibility criteria for their chosen event, and how these factors impact upon their studies
- If there are specific GCSE or A level subjects/ grades required, please verify that these have either been achieved, or form part of the applicant's programme of study**
- Please provide predicted grades wherever possible. If you are unable to give predicted grades, please comment upon the applicant's general academic potential
- Summarise the applicant's general attitude and motivation towards their studies
- Any other relevant information

* An overview of these can be found below.

** For 'Widening Access to Medicine', candidates must be studying **both** A level Biology and Chemistry, and possess 5 GCSEs at grade 4 (including English language, and either Maths, Biology and Chemistry, or Maths, Additional Science and Science).

Overview of programme:

Widening Access to Medicine (BM6)

8-10 April 2019

The University of Southampton is running a 3-day residential for thirty Year 12 students, designed to increase the applicant'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 support students in their applications to study Medicine.

The Widening Access to Medicine Residential (BM6) includes the following:

- Two nights in student accommodation
- A day of activities at Southampton General Hospital
- Clinical skills and other topical sessions
- Sessions on UKCAT, student finance and completing your application
- Support of a student mentor
- Evening activities

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

- First generation to pursue Higher Education (not including siblings)
- Young people looked after by a Local Authority
- In receipt of a 16-19 bursary or similar grant
- Parents, guardian or self in receipt of a means-tested benefit
- 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](#)), or a member of a travelling family.