

# WIDENING ACCESS TO MEDICINE RESIDENTIAL (BM6)

10-12 APRIL 2017

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 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?

- 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

# Am I eligible?

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 you will need to 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: https://tools.npeu.ox.ac.uk/imd/), or a member of a travelling family

You should also be studying both A level Biology and Chemistry.

## How do I apply?

You will need to submit your completed application form online by 6 February 2017. We will use the information you provide on the form during the selection process for a place on the scheme

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.

To view or complete the application form, please visit:

http://www.southampton.ac.uk/schools-colleges/residentials-summer-schools.page

# APPLICATION TIMELINE

**3 JANUARY 2017** 

Applications open

### **17 FEBRUARY 2017**

Successful applicants notified

### **DECEMBER 2016**

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

**6 FEBRUARY 2017** 

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# "BM6 HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC PROGRAMME FOR ME..."

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BMBS Medicine and BMedSc Third year

"The foundation year eases you into studying Medicine by providing a stepping stone before entering the full Medical programme.

The lecturers are very approachable, and are always willing to help with academic, financial and general university related queries.

It's great that the cohort is a smaller group, and it's very comforting to be studying with people from similar backgrounds to you.

I loved the fact that we had patient contact very early on. This gave me more confidence when meeting and talking to patients which is an essential quality of being a doctor.

When I qualify, I want to work as a medical doctor in a hospital setting, specialising in cardiology. I also hope to continue working with young people and inspire them to study medicine too".

92%

of students who study Medicine at the University of Southampton are satisfied or very satisfied with overall quality\*

> \*National Student Survey, 2015



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