

Entry requirements, skills and interests (tropical medicine)

This page provides useful information about the entry requirements needed for this specialty up to and including [foundation training](#) ^[1]. It also includes information on the skills and interests you will need.

Entry requirements

Before you train as a tropical medicine doctor you must complete a degree in medicine and have obtained a MBBS or equivalent qualification. Find out about getting into medical school. ^[2]

You then need to complete a two-year foundation programme ^[3] and then two or three years of core training. After successfully completing your first year of [foundation training](#) ^[1] you become eligible for registration as a doctor with the General Medical Council (GMC). [Foundation training](#) ^[1] includes undertaking rotations in a range of specialties.

To find information about the Foundation Programme, visit our [applying for foundation training](#) ^[4] page.



Skills and interests

Tropical medicine doctors need:

- the ability to communicate effectively with people with a wide range of hospital and medical colleagues
- the ability to keep calm in an emergency
- excellent organisational skills
- good problem-solving and decision-making skills
- the ability to work well within multidisciplinary teams
- scientific curiosity
- leadership ability
- a good knowledge of geographical medicine and willingness to travel and enjoy other cultures
- to be prepared to undertake training that involves working overseas in challenging conditions

If you're applying for a role either directly in the NHS or in an organisation that provides NHS services you'll be asked to show how you think the NHS values apply in your everyday work. The same will be true if you're applying for a university course funded by the NHS.

Find out more about NHS values. ^[5]

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[1] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Foundation_training

[2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-medicine/applying-medical-school>

[3] <http://www.foundationprogramme.nhs.uk/pages/home>

[4] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/working-health/information-doctors/foundation-training-programme/applying-foundation>

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