

# Applying for medical school

Get some information, advice and resources to support your medical school application.



## Preparing to apply

Your application to medical school will include a number of stages:

- you need to be aware of the different types of medical school courses [1] available
- it's important to be aware of a range of factors when choosing your medical school [2]
- your UCAS application [3] will include writing a strong personal statement
- you need to be prepared for medical school interviews [4]
- medical schools will expect you to have found out about the role of a doctor and what it's like working in healthcare. They'll also want evidence of your skills. Gaining experience for medical school [5] can include shadowing, volunteering, paid work and other opportunities
- most medical schools expect you to sit admissions tests [6]
- you need to be aware of your options if you haven't got into medical school [7]
  
- Financial support at medical school

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- Find out about financial support while studying medicine at university [8]
- Resources

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Read our section about Choosing your medical school [2].

There are a number of books and other resources that give general advice on applying to medical school. Some also include information on what to expect when you're there. Here is a selection, but make sure that any information you use is still up to date:

- Getting into medical school 2017 entry – published by Trotman Education, an imprint of Crimson Publishing (2016)
- So you want to be a doctor? (Success in Medicine) – published by Oxford University Press (2013)
- 2020 entry requirements booklet [9] by the Medical Schools Council
- how to become a doctor pages [10] of the British Medical Association (BMA) website
- The Medic Mentor website [11] for information about it's various activities for those considering medical school
- The Medic Portal website [12] for information, blogs, hints and tips about getting into a career as a doctor

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