MEDICAL ASPIRATIONS 2020 APPLICATION GUIDE

WHO CAN APPLY AND DEADLINE
To be eligible to apply, students need to be studying or reside in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Peterborough or selected areas of Essex\(^1\), be in Year 12 and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- No family experience of Higher Education i.e. university degree, HND, HNC, teacher training in this country
- Household income for the tax year 2018/2019 is less than £35,000
- Have been in or currently in Local Authority care (not applicable for adopted students).

Other considerations:
- As the scheme is designed to raise applications to medical courses from areas and schools where progression is traditionally low we may also take into consideration your home postcode (quintile 1 or 2 from POLAR 4) and/or secondary school where you sat your GCSEs (school achieved an Attainment 8 score of 50% or less in the year you sat your GCSEs according to the Department for Education data - [https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/](https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/)).
- Students will need to meet the entry requirements of our 5 or 6 year medicine course, including GCSEs. If students do not already have these GCSE grades and are planning on retaking, they will need to outline this in their application. More information on academic requirements can be found at [www.uea.ac.uk/med](http://www.uea.ac.uk/med) and on page 3 of this guide.

The [online application form](https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU014bRmDtZnwg) must be submitted by 5pm on Thursday 28 November. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 17 December, at the very latest. [https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU014bRmDtZnwg](https://app.geckoform.com/public/#/modern/FOEU014bRmDtZnwg)

WHAT INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE FORM
You will need the following information on-hand to be able to complete and submit the application form:

- **Personal details** – including name, email address, telephone/mobile number, postal address, any special requirements, household income etc.
- **School information** – current school name, previous school name (where you sat your GCSEs), GCSE subjects with grades and any resit information, and current courses studied and predicted grades
- **A short statement** covering ‘why you want to participate in the Medical Aspirations scheme’ in no more than 100 words. This information will be used to shortlist for Medical Aspirations participants
- **Consent** – if you are under 18, you will need to submit the name of a parent/carer and their email address in order for us to contact them to obtain consent from them for you to attend Medical Aspirations.

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\(^1\) You must attend one of the following sixth forms/colleges: The Sixth Form College Colchester, Havering Sixth Form College or SEEVIC College, OR you currently attend or attended (before sixth form/college) a school where 25% or more pupils are eligible for pupil premium funding/free school meals at any time during the past 6 years – see list of schools here: [www.uea.ac.uk/medicalaspirations](http://www.uea.ac.uk/medicalaspirations)
If you are over 18 and your application is successful, we will send you a separate form to complete asking you to provide medical and photo consent.

- **Confirmation** – you will need to sign the application (electronic signature is fine) to confirm that all the information that you have entered is correct.

**DATA PROTECTION**

**Using your personal information:**
Data collected for the purposes of attending this event will be subject to UK Data Protection legislation.

The information you provide will be used by the University of East Anglia in a number of ways:

- To apply for the Medical Aspirations residential event and follow-up activities
- For reporting purposes to improve the targeting, activity, focus and delivery of Medical Aspirations, as well as progression analysis of scheme participants to the University of East Anglia
- May be used to contact you with further information about our University and courses related to Medical Aspirations.

This information is collected in pursuit of our legitimate interests as the organisers of the programme. We will not share your information with any third parties unless consent has been given.

Your information will be securely stored and treated confidentially. For further information on how your information is used, how long we keep your data and how we maintain the security of your information, please contact, outreach@uea.ac.uk

If you would like us to stop using these data, or would like further information about data protection legal rights, including your rights of access to your personal data, please contact the University’s Data Protection officer at dataprotection@uea.ac.uk

**FURTHER INFORMATION**
Email. fmh.outreach@uea.ac.uk  
Telephone. (+44) 01603 591487
UEA MEDICINE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (2020/21 ENTRY)

A100 course (5 years)

GCSEs
Six GCSEs at grade 7 or grade A or above, including Mathematics and either two single science subjects (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) or Double Science. Alternatively Science, Additional Science and Further Science GCSEs are accepted. GCSE English Language grade 6/B is required.

GCSE resits are accepted.
Not accepted: General Studies, Critical Thinking, Citizenship Studies, GCSE short courses, BTEC Level 2, OCR Level 2, Functional Skills.

A Levels
AAA including Biology/Human Biology or Chemistry. Science A levels must include a pass in the practical element.

For applicants sitting A levels for the first time in summer 2020:
Applicants are expected to be taking a minimum of 3 A Levels in Year 13 and be predicted AAA or above, including Biology/Human Biology or Chemistry and two further A level subjects of the applicant’s choice. Science A levels must include a pass in the practical element. General Studies and Critical Thinking are not accepted. Where an applicant is also taking additional qualifications such as a fourth AS/A level or EPQ these must also be included on their application but will not be subject to grade requirements. Applicants without a fourth subject will be considered. Grades must be achieved over 2 consecutive years. Applicants taking longer than 2 years will normally be subject to our resit policy and expected to demonstrate a higher level of achievement by achieving an A*, reflecting the longer study period, as per our resit policy.

A level resits are only considered if a minimum of ABB/AAC or equivalent, is achieved in the first sitting over 2 consecutive years including the subjects as per our entry requirements. Applicants must be predicted and are expected to achieve at least one A* in any subject where less than an A was achieved previously.

Applicants who are repeating all or part of any A level (thus taking their A levels over more than 2 years) are usually subject to the resit policy. Please contact the Admissions Officer for further advice.

If applying with achieved A levels applicants must include what they have been doing since completing A levels. Applications from those currently studying in higher education will only be considered if the qualification will be completed by 31 August 2020. This includes Master degrees and PhD degrees. If applicant is in the first or second year of a degree they will not be considered. Please refer to our Graduate Requirement for full details.
Level 3 qualifications not accepted: Critical Thinking, Citizenship Studies, Leisure Studies, Applied Science, General Studies, BTEC qualifications. Only Mathematics or Further Mathematics will be accepted, not both.

**A104 course (6 years including foundation year)**

**GCSEs**
Six GCSEs at grade B/6 or above, including English Language, Mathematics and either a single science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) or double science. Applicants who do not meet the GCSE requirement MUST be resitting GCSE’s and predicted to achieve the required grade. This should be evident from their UCAS application.

**A levels**
BBB or ABC in any subjects, excluding General Studies and Critical Thinking. All science A levels must include a pass in the practical element. A level resits will only be considered if they are completed within the A level two year period

**Contextual Criteria**

All applicants must meet the academic criteria and the following contextual criteria:

Your secondary school (GCSE education) achieved an Attainment 8 score of 50 or less, in the year you sat your GCSEs, according to the Department for Education data (www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance/) AND one of the following:

- You live in an area with low progression to higher education with Polar Data 1 or 2 from Polar 3.
- In receipt of the UCAT Bursary.
- Your combined household income is under £35,000 per year, excluding Government benefits. We use the same criteria as the UCAT Bursary eligibility. We are unable to accept payslips or P60’s.
- You currently live locally to UEA (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex or Lincolnshire). Evidence taken from UCAS application.

OR meet the academic criteria and ONE of the following contextual criteria:

- Successfully complete the UEA Medical Aspirations Programme
- You have been in Local Authority care. Examples of evidence accepted: Letter from Social Worker/Local Council.