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### A MEDICAL SCHOOL COMPARISON GUIDE

Most courses in Medicine are 5 or 6 years in total. Many will award you with a BA or BSc in Medical Science after the first 3 years. The course fees listed below are for this undergraduate degree. The postgraduate part of your training – which you will need to do to become a fully-fledged doctor - is often more expensive, but there's a range of financial support available in the form of grants, scholarships or bursaries.

How to use this guide:

This isn't an exhaustive list of all UK medical schools, but rather a quick way to compare what is on offer at some of them and give you an overall picture of what is available. You might want to use the topics to help with your further research.

The TEACHING section highlights the different approaches to study, with some offering theory, followed by practical (clinical) work and others integrating both as you go along. You'll need to decide which style would suit you best and also whether you prefer to be taught in larger groups or have more individual attention.

<b>OXFORD UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>RANKING: 1st</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University</i> <i>2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: A*AA + BMAT + written test + interview</b> <i>Includes A in Chemistry &amp; at least 1 of Biology, Physics, Maths.</i>
<b>TEACHING: Tutorial system with smalls groups</b> <i>First 3 years are pre-clinical ( learning the theory) &amp; result in BA in Medical Science</i> <i>Next 3 years are in a clinically based setting</i>	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first 2 years &amp; often for full duration of course.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £3545 - £3868</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation: £5940 - £6300</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Most students use bikes. Trains to London = 1 hour. Buses to London = 90 mins.</i>	
<b>FEES: Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: £9250</b> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: £23,105 - £30,540 (depending on course)</i>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Achieved "highest student satisfaction" for all UK medical courses 2013–14 Study facilities include the world-famous Bodleian Library. University life: Oxford is a historic but cosmopolitan city with a wide variety of shops, bars, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, world-famous museums, & plenty of green spaces.	

<b>CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>RANKING: 3rd</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: A*A*A + BMAT + written test + interview</b> <i>Includes Chemistry &amp; at least 1 of Biology, Physics, Maths.</i>
<b>TEACHING: Tutorial system with smalls groups</b> <i>First 3 years are pre-clinical ( learning theory) &amp; result in BA in Medical Science</i> <i>Next 3 years are in a clinically based setting</i>	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for at least first 3 years &amp; often for 4th year students.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £3779 - £4970</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation: £5544 - £7068</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Most students use bikes. Trains to London = 1 hour. London Stansted International Airport = 30 mins</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: <b>£9250</b> Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: <b>£25,000 - £34,000</b> (depending on course)	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Study facilities include extensive libraries. The university has nine specialist museums & collections open to students & public. University Life: Primarily a University town with good shops and entertainment, picturesque buildings, parks & riverside. Easy access to nearby countryside.	

<b>SWANSEA UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>UK RANKING: THIRD</b> <i>First in the UK for research environment.</i> <i>Second for overall research quality.</i>	<b>ENTRY: AAB – ABB + BMAT + interview</b> <i>Includes A in Biology &amp; at least 1 of science, technology, engineering, maths.</i>
<b>TEACHING: Combination of lectures, lab work &amp; small groups</b> <i>First 3 years are pre-clinical ( learning the theory) &amp; result in BSc in Medical Sciences</i> <i>Next 3 years are in a clinically based setting.</i>	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £4690 - £5468</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation: £2679 - £4042</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Extensive cycle paths. Trains to London = 3 hours. Cardiff International Airport = &lt; 1 hour</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: <b>£9000</b> Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: <b>£12,950 - £18,450</b> (depending on course)	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> The university is located across two beach-front campuses. The two campuses are situated 4.5 miles apart & close to city centre which has variety of pubs, restaurants, clubs art galleries, performance venues, museums, green spaces & sports facilities.	

<b>QUEEN MARY, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON</b>	
<b>RANKING: 65th</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University</i> <i>2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: AAA + UKCAT + interview</b> Including Chemistry or Biology + another science or Maths.
<b>TEACHING: <i>Small seminar groups and tutorials.</i></b> <i>5 year programme leading to Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. Emphasis on hands-on practical approach. Provides early clinical experience. Wide-ranging clinical opportunities, research projects &amp; help in local community or travel overseas. Clinical attachments available at The Royal London, Barts &amp; Homerton Hospitals.</i>	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for dental and medical students.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £3521 - 5650</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation: £5144 - £7258</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Excellent public transport plus links to rest of UK. Heathrow &amp; Gatwick International Airports close by.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: maximum <b>£9250</b> Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: <b>£14,500 - £17,450</b> (depending on course)	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> <i>St Bartholomew's Hospital &amp; The London Hospital Medical College joined together as part of the Medical Faculty.</i> Cultural, political & business centre of the UK, vibrant multi-cultural city. Enormous range of museums, galleries, restaurants, bars, pubs, clubs, theatres, cinemas, festivals etc.	

<b>GLASGOW UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>RANKING: 47th</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University</i> <i>2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: AAA + UKCAT + interview</b> Including Chemistry & at least 1 of Maths, Physics, or Biology.
<b>TEACHING: <i>Large seminar groups and small tutorials</i></b> <i>5 year programme leading to an MBChB. Provides early hands-on clinical experience. Vocational and clinical study opportunities. Most degree courses offer study abroad &amp; work placements.</i>	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £4400 - £6300</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation: £4900 - £5800</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>University 3 miles from city centre &amp; easily accessible by bus, subway (tube) or on foot. Main campus 10 mins by subway to city centre. Glasgow International Airport = 7 miles from city.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> Annual undergraduate fees for students from Scotland & non-UK EU countries: <b>£1820</b> Annual undergraduate fees for students from the rest of the UK: <b>£9250</b> Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: <b>£16,000 - £19,500</b> (depending on course)	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Located across two campuses. It is currently undergoing a £1bn investment programme. Lively city with huge range of galleries, restaurants, bars, pubs, clubs, theatres etc.	

<b>EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>RANKING: 20th</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: AAA + UKCAT</b> Including Chemistry & least one of Biology, Physics, or Maths.
<b>TEACHING: Lectures &amp; tutorials in smaller groups plus techniques such as peer assisted &amp; e-learning.</b> 6 year programme leading to MBChB (and MSc). Includes 1 year full-time research based study in year 3. Clinical placements and hands on experience.	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline. Typical annual cost of University accommodation: <b>£4290 - £6266</b> Typical annual cost of private accommodation: <b>£4307 - £4818</b>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> Most accommodation up to 1.5km from the university central area. Edinburgh is easy to get around on foot, bike or public transport. Edinburgh Airport = 30 mins by bus, tram or taxi from city centre. Excellent train links to other UK cities.	
<b>FEES:</b> Annual undergraduate fees for students from Scotland and non-UK EU countries: <b>£1820</b> Annual undergraduate fees for students from the rest of the UK: <b>£9250</b> Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: <b>£17,700 - £23,200 (depending on course)</b>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Founded in 1583. It is considered to be one of the world's top universities & globally recognised for research, development & innovation. Historic city regularly voted one of the most desirable places to live in the world. There is an array of entertainment, history, culture, galleries, museums, restaurants, bars, clubs, sports venues. The city is famous for the annual Edinburgh Fringe Festival which takes place in August. Countryside & coastline are only a few miles away	

<b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON</b>	
<b>RANKING: 6th</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: A*AA, BMAT + interview</b> Including Biology & Chemistry
<b>TEACHING:</b> 6 year programme. First 3 years are pre-clinical (learning the theory) & result in a BSc. Next 3 years are in a clinically based setting. Research-led, high quality teaching by committed team of NHS-based teachers takes place at UCL and across 3 central clinical campuses. Clinical teaching also takes place at other hospitals and clinical settings.	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline. Typical annual cost of University accommodation: <b>£6319 - £8372</b> Typical annual cost of private accommodation: <b>£6700 - £7326</b>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> Excellent public transport plus links to rest of UK. Heathrow & Gatwick International Airports close by.	
<b>FEES:</b> Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: maximum <b>£9250</b> Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: <b>£17,710 - £23,710 (depending on course)</b>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Founded in 1826, 3rd oldest university in England. In 2012 UCL joined with The School of Pharmacy to form the UCL School of Pharmacy. The Medical School is one of the largest in UK. London is the cultural, political and business centre of the UK and is a vibrant multi-cultural city. It offers an enormous range of museums, galleries, restaurants, bars, pubs, clubs, theatres, cinemas, festivals and other attractions.	

<b>IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON</b>	
<b>RANKING: 4th</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: A*AA + Practical Endorsement (practical science assessment) + interview</b> Including A* in Chemistry or Biology.
<b>TEACHING: Combination of lectures, seminars, lab &amp; practical sessions &amp; tutorials</b> <i>6 year programme including BSc after 4th year. Range of innovative and traditional teaching techniques used. Lectures, tutorials, problem-based learning, online learning, clinical attachments &amp; possibility to study abroad. Teaching takes place at medical campuses across London &amp; a wide range of partnership NHS hospitals &amp; clinics. Mixture of theory and practical from the start with students offered clinical experience from first term.</i>	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Accommodation: Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £4992 - £8580</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation: £7366 - £11,700</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Excellent public transport plus links to rest of UK. Heathrow &amp; Gatwick International Airports close by.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: £9250</i> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: £25,000 - £28,000 (depending on course)</i>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> <i>Imperial is consistently rated amongst the world's best universities. London is the cultural, political &amp; business centre of the UK &amp; a vibrant multi-cultural city. It offers an enormous range of museums, galleries, restaurants, bars, pubs, clubs, theatres, cinemas, festivals &amp; other attractions. College associated with the discovery of Penicillin &amp; foundations of fibre optics.</i>	

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<b>EXETER UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>UK RANKING: 5th for Medicine</b> <i>The Guardian University Guide 2018</i>	<b>ENTRY: A*AA – AAA + UKCAT</b> Including Chemistry or Biology.
<b>TEACHING: Small groups, lectures, problem-based learning, community placements.</b> <i>5 year programme leading to Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. Practical approach with clinical experience provided from the first month. Opportunities for study abroad and work placements.</i>	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £5399 - £5499</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation: £3899 - £4799</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>There are cycle routes across the city plus regular bus services between campuses &amp; city centre. Good rail links to other cities. Exeter International Airport is close by.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: £9250</i> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: £16,400 - £21,000 (depending on course)</i>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> <i>Diverse cultural scene with plenty of music venues, clubs, pubs, restaurants, bars, cafes, theatres, cinemas, museums, galleries &amp; sports venues. It is also within easy reach of countryside ideally suited to outdoor pursuits. The Medical School opened in 2013. There are 3 campuses in total, 2 in Exeter itself and 1 near Falmouth in Cornwall. In 2017 Exeter was ranked top for overall student satisfaction amongst Russell Group universities.</i>	

<b>NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>RANKING:</b> 175th <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY:</b> AAA + UKCAT, interview Including Chemistry or Biology.
<b>TEACHING: Emphasis on case-led learning. Opportunities for study abroad &amp; work placements.</b> 5 year programme. Many teaching staff are also practising clinicians in the NHS offering students a wealth of clinical experience. Students receive early clinical exposure in the first two years. In years 3 – 5 students spend time in clinical placements throughout the region.	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £4203 - £5460</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation: £4004 - £5720</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>There are rail links to other major UK cities. Newcastle Airport is 6 miles north of the city.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: £9250</i> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: £13,980 – 17,935 (depending on the course)</i>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Newcastle is a friendly, lively city with vibrant nightlife, with a good selection of shops, bars, pubs, restaurants, music venues, galleries, museums, theatres, cinemas, and sport venues. There is good access to the coast and surrounding countryside.	

<b>UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL</b>	
<b>RANKING:</b> 69th <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY:</b> AAA + UKCAT + interview Including A in Chemistry or other lab based science.
<b>TEACHING: Lectures, case-based learning and practical work, research projects, early clinical exposure.</b> 5 year programme leading to Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. Integration of science theory and clinical learning throughout course. All undergraduate courses are modular in structure with extensive opportunities to study abroad and for clinical work placements.	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £5580 - £6964</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation £4400 - £5400</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Most residences located within walking distance or a short bus journey from main campus in Clifton, close to City centre. It is easy to get around on foot, by bike or bus. London = 1hour 45 mins by train. National Express coaches have links to many UK destinations. Bristol Airport is nearby.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: maximum £9250</i> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: £15,800 - £19,400 (depending on course)</i>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Bristol is one of the UK's five Centres of Cultural Excellence. It was the first UK city to be named both European Green Capital (2015) & a UNESCO Learning City (2016). Bristol Medical School is a leading centre for collaborative and multi-disciplinary research in population and translational health services.	

<b>DUNDEE UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>UK RANKING: 80th</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: AAA + UKCAT + interview</b> Including Chemistry & another science.
<b>TEACHING: Small group discussions, lectures, e-learning, peer-learning, laboratory and practical work</b> 5 year programme leading to MBChB. Develops clinical skills from the outset. Interdisciplinary approach, state of the art equipment provides simulated clinical settings. Task-based and problem-orientated learning, community-based learning. Students encourage to take responsibility for their own learning.	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £4696 - £5322</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation £2600 - £6900</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Dundee is a compact city with a good public transport network. There are direct trains to major UK cities. Dundee Airport has daily flights to London City Airport. There are also major airports at Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for students from Scotland and non-UK EU countries: £1820</i> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for students from the rest of the UK: £9250</i> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: £14,950 - £17,950 (depending on course)</i>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Dundee was recently named "Coolest little city in the UK" by GQ Magazine and received a UNESCO City of Design accolade. The city offers a variety of shops, galleries, museums, cinemas, theatres, restaurants, bars and pubs. Nearby countryside is ideal for outdoor pursuits including skiing, fishing and canoeing.	

<b>KING'S COLLEGE LONDON</b>	
<b>RANKING: 36th worldwide and 7th in the UK</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: A*AA + UKCAT + interview</b> Including Chemistry & Biology
<b>TEACHING: Research-enriched teaching is at the heart of the King's experience. Lectures with world-leading academics, seminars, practicals</b> Collaborative, cross-disciplinary approach. 5 year programme leading to MBBS with clinical teaching throughout. Focus on learning in close contact with patients.	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £7560 - £7960</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation £5850 - £8476</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Excellent public transport plus links to rest of UK. Heathrow &amp; Gatwick International Airports close by.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: £9250</i> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: £17,050 - £22,800 (depending on course)</i>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> Russell Group University. Partner hospitals include Guy's, St Thomas' and King's College Hospital. All 4 campuses benefit from a central London location. London is the cultural, political & business centre of the UK & a vibrant multi-cultural city. It offers an enormous range of museums, galleries, restaurants, bars, pubs, clubs, theatres, cinemas, festivals & other attractions. The University played a major role in the discovery of the structure of DNA.	

<b>LANCASTER UNIVERSITY</b>	
<b>UK RANKING: 23rd (150th in World)</b> <i>"Best Universities for Medicine"</i> <i>Times Higher Education World University 2016-17</i>	<b>ENTRY: A*AA – AAA + BMAT + interview</b> Including Chemistry & Biology
<b>TEACHING: Focus on research-led teaching. Lectures, problem-based learning, independent study.</b> 5 year programme leading to MBChB. Early patient contact with clinical placements integrated into course.	
<b>ACCOMODATION:</b> <i>Supplied for first year undergrads providing they apply before relevant deadline.</i> <i>Typical annual cost of University accommodation: £4477 - £5114</i> <i>Typical annual cost of private accommodation £4320</i>	
<b>TRANSPORT:</b> <i>Walking and cycling encouraged. Good rail links to London. Nearest large airport Manchester.</i>	
<b>FEES:</b> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for UK students: £9250</i> <i>Annual undergraduate fees for overseas students: £15,080 - £18,168 (depending on course)</i>	
<b>OTHER INFORMATION:</b> The University is known for its world-leading research and award-winning facilities. It welcomes international students. The historic city of Lancaster is a student-friendly city with plenty of pubs, clubs, shops, markets, theatres, cinemas and museums. It is set amidst the beautiful countryside of the Lune Valley and the Lake District which offer extensive opportunities for leisure and sporting pursuits.	