



University of Sheffield



UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR



APPLYING TO MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

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MADE FROM EVERY EXPERIENCE

NUMBER 1 STUDENTS' UNION

WhatUni Student Choice Awards
2017-2024

NUMBER 1 UNIVERSITY IN THE RUSSELL GROUP

National Student Survey 2024



TOP 20 UNIVERSITY

The Guardian University
Guide 2025



TOP 5 FOR JOB PROSPECTS

Student Crowd University Job Prospects
League Table 2024



GREENEST CITY IN THE UK

NatWest's Green Cities Report
2021

AFFORDABLE CITY

6th in the RBS Student Living
Index 2024

GETTING TO SHEFFIELD



Train times from major cities:

- 40 minutes from Leeds
- 50 minutes from Manchester
- 1 hour 15 minutes from Birmingham
- 2 hours from London
- 2 hours from Newcastle
- 2 hours 35 minutes from Bristol
- 3 hours 45 minutes from Edinburgh

SHEFFIELD

OVERVIEW

- Studying Medicine and Dentistry at Sheffield
- The application process
 - Entry requirements
 - The UCAT exam
 - Work experience
 - Personal statements
- Interviews
- Being a competitive applicant
- Any questions?



MEDICINE AT SHEFFIELD

COURSE OUTLINE

- Clinical Placements from year one
- ‘Patients as Educators’ Programme
- Clinical Skills Centre
 - Mock clinical wards
 - Resuscitation suites
 - Simulated theatres





DENTISTRY AT SHEFFIELD

COURSE OUTLINE

- VR simulation suite with haptic technology
- Close relationship with Charles Clifford Dental Hospital
- Teaching and learning methods
 - Classroom study
 - Clinical skills
 - Laboratories
 - Patient clinics



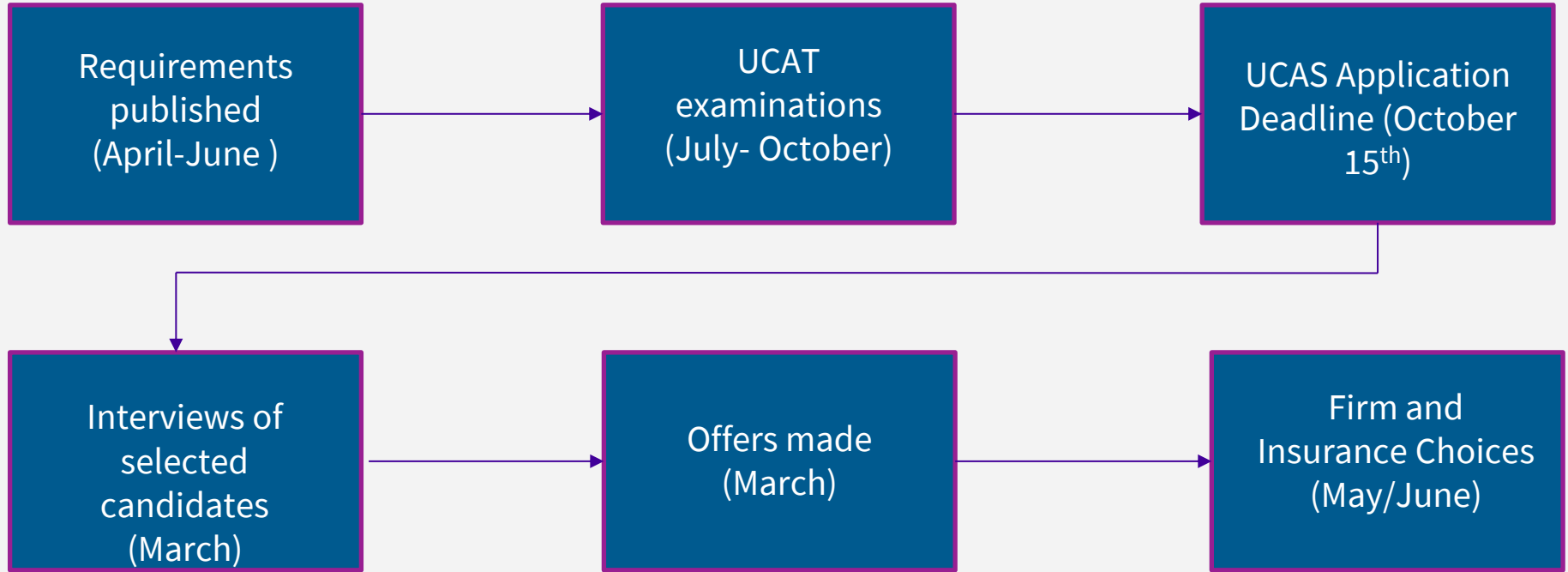


APPLICATION PROCESS

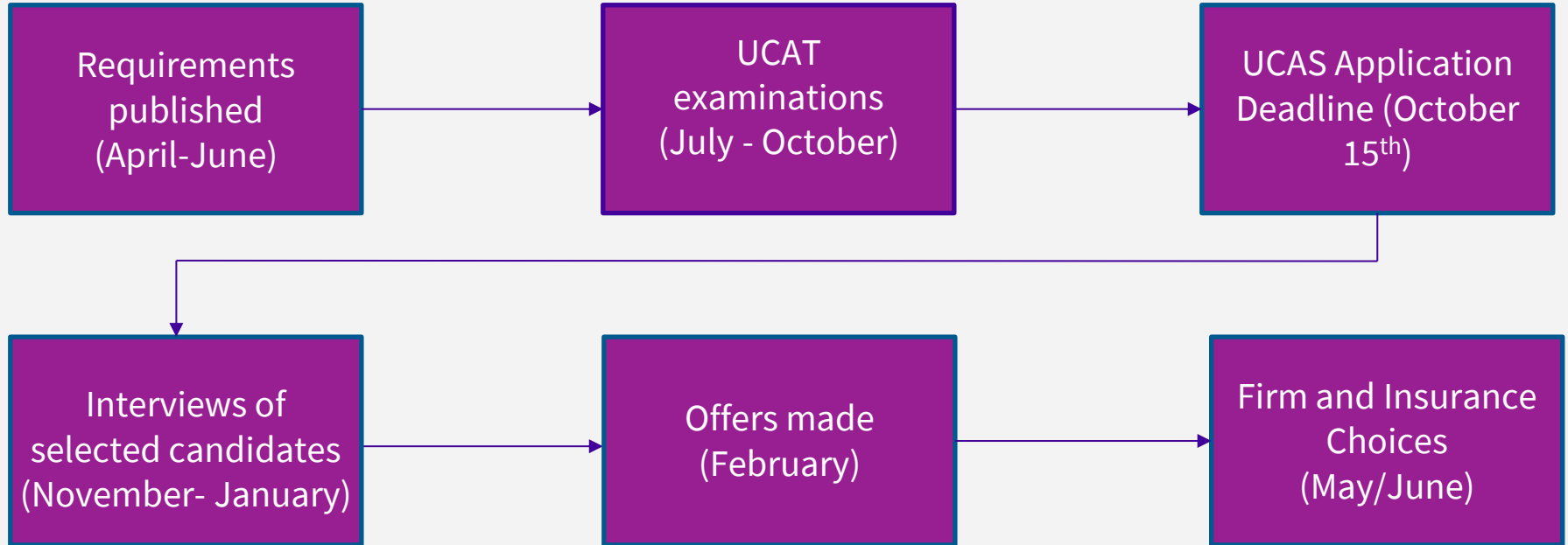
CHOOSING UNIVERSITIES



DENTISTRY ADMISSIONS CYCLE



MEDICINE ADMISSIONS CYCLE



VETERINARY ADMISSIONS CYCLE

Work Experience

Requirements
published
(April-June)

UCAS Application
Deadline (October
15th)

Potential
Additional Tests:
Glasgow, Bristol
etc.

Interviews of
selected candidates
(November to
February)

Offers made
(March)

Firm and
Insurance Choices
(May/June)



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

VETERINARY MEDICINE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Royal Veterinary College, University of London

GCSE

At least five GCSEs at grade 7 (A) including:
7-7 in Combined Science/AA in Science (Double Award) or Biology and Chemistry or Science and Additional Science.
with at least a grade 6 (B) in:
English Language
Mathematics

A LEVELS

AAA, including
Chemistry (A) and
Biology (A).

WORK EXPERIENCE

A total of 70 hours (e.g. 10 full days) of work experience (paid or voluntary) in one or more veterinary practices
A total of 70 hours in one or more non-clinical working environments with live animals (excl. the home environment/family business/pet ownership)

**WORK EXPERIENCE
APPLICANT
SUPPLEMENTARY
FORM**

MEDICINE (2026) ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

University of Sheffield

GCSE

5 GCSE's at grade 7 or above.
Must include grade 6 in Mathematics, English Language and the Sciences

A LEVELS

AAA, including Chemistry or Biology and a second science (maths, physics or psychology).
Must be taken in one sitting.

EPQ

AAB, including Chemistry or Biology and second science.
Relevant EPQ at grade A
Must be taken in one sitting.

UCAT

Minimum score of 1800 required to be considered.
Situational judgement test (SJT) component only considered for interview candidates.

DENTISTRY (2026) ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

University of Sheffield

GCSE

5 GCSE's at grade 7 or above.
Must include grade 6 in Mathematics, English Language and the Sciences

A LEVELS

AAA, including Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology.

EPQ

AAB, including AA in Chemistry and Biology/Human Biology.
Plus B grade in a relevant EPQ
Must all be in the same sitting.

UCAT

Required for all applicants.
No minimum score.

UCAT

The UCAT is a two-hour computer-based test which assesses a range of mental abilities identified by university medical and dental schools as important.

30 UK universities use the UCAT

- Taken between July and September for 2025 entry
- One attempt per year
- For medicine, there is no point in applying if UCAT score is not achieved

UCAT STRUCTURE AND TIMING

Subtest	Questions	Subtest Time	Scoring
Verbal Reasoning	44	22 minutes	300-900
Decision Making	35	37 minutes	300-900
Quantitative Reasoning	36	26 minutes	300-900
Total Score			900-2700
Situational Judgement	69	26 minutes	Bands 1-4



INDUSTRY LINKS

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Paid or voluntary work experience in a residential care home, hospice or similar
- Working in a youth centre or working with young children
- Participating in community volunteering schemes
- Working with a range of people (whether on a paid or voluntary basis)

For dentists: ideally something with a general dental practise

For veterinary: look at the individual university – key component of the application

ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

- Sheffield's Discover Dentistry MOOC (on Future Learn)
- Volunteer on a phone befriending service for those living alone (e.g. Age UK, Re-Engage)
- Work with a local charity in your area



PERSONAL STATEMENTS

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- 4000 characters
- Work experience
- Evidence that you have the skills necessary for the course/career
- Values of the NHS constitution

Initiative

Teamwork

Trustworthy

Flexibility

**SKILLS
AND
QUALITIES**

Conscientious

Determination

Caring

Commitment



INTERVIEWS

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TRADITIONAL

- Panel- style
- Group interview

MULTIPLE MINI INTERVIEWS (MMIS)

- Stations assessing different skills/qualities

ANY EXTRAS

- Interpersonal skills test
- Group tasks

MULTIPLE MINI INTERVIEWS AT SHEFFIELD

Communication Skills

Evidence of commitment
for caring

Knowledge and interest
in study at Sheffield

Motivation for medicine

Medical work
experience/EPQ

Values and attitudes

Depth and breadth of
interests (achievements
in specific field)

Outside interests

Understanding the
nature of medicine

MULTIPLE MINI INTERVIEWS AT SHEFFIELD

Example Questions:

- Can you tell us about what you know about the course and teaching style at Sheffield
- What would you do if, for some reason, you did not get into medicine this time round?
- What do you think the downsides of medicine are?
- Do you think there is ever a time when you should break patient confidentiality?
- What aspect of your work experience did you find the most challenging and why?

BEING A COMPETITIVE APPLICANT



Research and
Analysis

Work
Experience

EPQ/MOOCs

**STANDING
OUT FROM
THE CROWD**

Hobbies
/Interests

University
Events

Career
Planning

ACCESS+

As an **Access+** student, you'll have access to support such as:

- a contextual offer up to two grades below the standard A Level entry requirements for your course.
- our **Access+ Travel Bursary**
- a dedicated team on hand to answer your questions
- expert online help and guidance sessions to support you in your journey to higher education

You'll need to have made Sheffield your firm choice with UCAS for the opportunity to apply for:

- an **Access+ Transition Mentor**
- our **Access+ IT & Equipment Bursary**

If you miss the conditions of your offer we'll still give your application additional consideration on Results Day.

If you have any **questions**, please contact us at: **access@sheffield.ac.uk**

For **details** go to: **<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/access-sheffield/plus>**

ACCESS+

You may be eligible for additional support through Access+ if:

- You live in an area of disadvantage (2026 entry and beyond)
- You were entitled to free school meals

Your personal circumstances mean that:

- You're care experienced
- You're a care leaver
- You're a carer
- You're estranged from family
- You have parenting responsibilities
- You're a forced migrant
- To check eligibility criteria visit:

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/access-sheffield/plus>



THE AMBASSADOR PLATFORM



- **What is it?**

Chat with students to learn about courses, campus life, and university experiences.

- **Why use it?**

- Get honest answers about student life.
- Watch videos and read articles from real students.
- Ask your own questions directly.

- **How to access it?**

Visit the University of Sheffield's "Chat to Us" page

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DON'T FORGET TO...

Ask questions
Do your research
Find what's right for YOU

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ANY QUESTIONS?

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