



Medicine MBChB

Widening Access to Medicine Scheme (WAMS)

Widening Access

Anglia Ruskin University is committed to widening access as part of our educational mission. Recruitment of students to the School of Medicine will reflect this mission but students will always be subject to meeting the course entry requirements or lower Widening Access to Medicine Scheme Conditional offer and the demonstration of aptitude and ability.

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This Scheme is designed to support applicants who have aspirations to study medicine but are from under-represented and/or disadvantaged groups, as detailed below in the Widening Access to Medicine Scheme (WAMS) eligibility criteria. The Scheme aims to assist applicants in maximising their full potential, through a lower Conditional offer at A Level of ABB.

The Scheme is only available to applicants that have:

- Home/EU student status* and are resident in the UK.*
- predicted grades that match or exceed the WAMS Conditional offer of ABB.
- the English language requirements.**
- meet at least one of the eleven WAMS eligibility criteria.
- The right to reside in the UK or permission to reside from the Home Office

**For applicants who do not have English as a first language, we require evidence of proficiency in English (including writing, speaking, listening and reading). IELTS: 7.5 overall (minimum 7.0 in each component) taken within two academic years prior to the time of application.

Please note, that applicants who left their school or college more than two academic years ago are not eligible. Graduates are not eligible to apply for this scheme.

Please complete and submit the Questionnaire to the Admissions Team within 14 days of receipt of your acknowledgement email, otherwise we will assume that none of the eligibility criteria apply to you and you will not be considered for the Scheme.

The information and supporting evidence you are required to provide through the Questionnaire submission, will be used by Anglia Ruskin University to determine if you are eligible for WAMS. If you have any questions on the eligibility criteria or supporting evidence needed, please contact the Admissions Team at admissions-schoolofmedicine@anglia.ac.uk

Eligibility Criteria

In order to be considered for eligibility for WAMS, you need to meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

1. You are entitled to free school meals, Pupil Premium funding and/or discretionary school/college payments, which are directly linked to financial hardship.
2. You receive a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) at the 'enhanced' rate in either the 'daily living' and 'mobility' components, **or** the 'standard' rate in both components.
3. You have experienced local authority care for a period of longer than three months.
4. Your parent(s)/carer(s) do not have a higher education qualification.
5. Your annual household income is below £42,875.
6. You are a person who has sole responsibility for the care, unpaid, of a person because they are ill, they have a disability, they are experiencing mental distress or they are affected by substance abuse.
7. You are a young person who is estranged from your family and you do not expect this situation to be reconciled.
8. You live in a neighbourhood which has a low progression rate to higher education (as determined by individual home postcode).
9. You attended a school at 16 where the percentage of 5 or more GCSE grades A-C (9-4) including English and Maths was below 35%.
10. You currently attend a school where the average points score per A Level entry is 20 or less.
11. You received a UKCAT bursary.

Widening Access to Medicine Scheme – Eligibility Questionnaire

Your full name	
Home address	
Date of birth	

In order to be considered for eligibility for WAMS, you need to meet at least one of the following eligibility criteria below. Please tick which criteria(s) apply to you and provide supporting evidence of your eligibility. Please note that without supporting evidence, Anglia Ruskin University will not be able to determine your eligibility and you will not be considered for WAMS.

	Eligibility Criteria	Note	Eligible	Supporting evidence provided
1.	You are entitled to free school meals, Pupil Premium funding and/or discretionary school/college payments, which are directly linked to financial hardship.	Note – supporting evidence can be a letter from your school that you receive free school meals or a letter/payment statement that you receive Pupil Premium funding or discretionary school/college payments.		
2.	You receive a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) at the 'enhanced' rate in either the 'daily living' and 'mobility' components, or the 'standard' rate in both components.	Note – supporting evidence can be a letter/payment statement that you receive the PIP as detailed above.		
3.	You have experienced local authority care for a period of longer than three months.	Note – supporting evidence can be a letter from your Local Authority / Social Worker confirming the above.		
4.	Your parent(s)/carer(s) do not have a higher education qualification.	Note – supporting evidence is a self-declaration and reference from an appropriate professional or organisation confirming the above. Please contact Admissions for a self-declaration form.		
5.	Your combined annual household income is below £42,875.	Note – supporting evidence can be benefit statements; payslips; P60 or HMRC tax return related to both parents or evidence that		

		only one parent is contributing annual household income.		
6.	You are a person who has sole responsibility for the care, unpaid, of a person because they are ill, they have a disability, they are experiencing mental distress or they are affected by substance abuse.	Note - supporting evidence can be a letter/payment statement that you receive a Carers Allowance/Carers credit, a Carers' Assessment by your Local Authority, a letter outlining your carer responsibilities from your Doctor/Social Worker/Carer Charity/or other relevant professional or organisation.		
7.	You are a young person who is estranged from your family and you do not expect this situation to be reconciled.	Note - supporting evidence can be from an independent trusted person (e.g. teacher, social worker, housing support officer) that a) you have had no written or verbal contact from your parent(s) for 12 months prior to the point of application (exceptions to this timescale can be made in extreme circumstances); and b) you expect this situation to be irreconcilable.		
8.	You live in a neighbourhood which has a low progression rate to higher education (as determined by individual home postcode).	Note – you can contact the Admissions Team to check if you meet this criteria. Proof of home address will be required. admissions-schoolofmedicine@anglia.ac.uk		
9.	You attended a school at 16 where the percentage of 5 or more GCSE grades A-C (9-4) including English and Maths was below 35%.	Note – you can contact the Admissions Team to check if you meet this criteria. admissions-schoolofmedicine@anglia.ac.uk		Not required
10.	You currently attend a school where the average points score per A Level entry is 20 or less.	Note – you can contact the Admissions Team to check if you meet this criteria. admissions-schoolofmedicine@anglia.ac.uk		Not required
11.	You received a UKCAT bursary.	Note – this information will be provided by UKCAT.		Not required

Declaration

By signing this Questionnaire, I declare that the information and supporting evidence I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If I do not sign for this

declaration, I accept that Anglia Ruskin University will not proceed with my WAMS application.

Your signature	
Date	