

FOI Request – FOI2021/08/21

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received on 24th August 2020

Your Request

Please can you provide me with:

- 1) The lowest/minimum UCAT score accepted into the A100 course for the previous 3 cycles
- 2) How the personal statement is used to differentiate between applicants and if a scale is used, can you please explain this
- 3) How work experience is used to invite applicants to interviews
- 4) Whether AS grades are going to be a factor into inviting applicants for interviews for 2021 entry as due to COVID19 they was not able to sit their exams.

University's Response

Further to Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") we confirm that the information requested is partially held by the University of Sunderland (the "University").

Please note that the University's first School of Medicine cohort was 2019/20 (capped at 50 enrolments), and as such, there is only 1 year of data available.

- 1) The lowest score was BAND 2 / 2320. Our standard UCAT requirement is:
All applicants must take the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) during the year in which they apply. Scores must be within top 8 deciles of the cohort and situational judgement test (SJT) must be within bands 1-3. See our [Help and Advice articles](#) on the UCAT.
- 2) N/A. The University does not use personal statements to differentiate between applicants.
- 3) We use a Roles & Responsibilities form to assess work experience and related skills obtained out of school.
- 4) We currently don't use predicted grades as criteria to select applicants for interview.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing sunfoi@sunderland.ac.uk.

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