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Dear Ayomide,

Your request for information received on 5 September 2021 has now been considered. A response to your enquiry is provided below.

*For the last four admissions cycles to the A100 Medicine course, could you please provide me with data detailing:*

- The total number of applicants*
- The total number of applicants who were offered an interview*
- The total number of applicants who received an offer*

| Entry year        | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total applicants  | 3720 | 2814 | 2788 | 2446 |
| Total interviews  | 2051 | 2093 | 1928 | 1607 |
| Total offers made | 475* | 990  | 1046 | 984  |

**\*We made a reduced number of offers for entry 2021, as we are expecting grade inflation due to the use of Teachers Assessed Grades, and medical schools have been given clear instruction not to exceed the targets set by the government. The number of offers expected for next year have yet to be determined but are likely to be significantly increased. See [www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/schoolofmedicine/admissions/SoM,Admissions,2022,Frequently,Asked,Questions.pdf](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/schoolofmedicine/admissions/SoM,Admissions,2022,Frequently,Asked,Questions.pdf)**

- The minimum UCAT cut off score to receive an interview (or threshold if a cut off score was not utilised)*
- The minimum points score (from ranking) required to be offered an interview*
- The lowest, highest, and mean UCAT scores of those interviewed*

| Entry year                       | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Lowest UCAT score for interview  | 2010 | 2060 | 2170 | 2160 |
| Highest UCAT score for interview | 3460 | 3290 | 3380 | 3430 |
| Average UCAT score for interview | 2646 | 2619 | 2400 | 2650 |
| UCAT cut off score for interview | N/A* | 2400 | 2420 | 2460 |

**\* Please note that for the 2021 entry the process we used was different to previous years. Applicants who met the minimum academic criteria were ranked using a combined point score derived from GCSE grades and overall UCAT score. Applicants with the highest combination scores were invited for interview first. For 2022 entry the process has reverted to overall UCAT scores looked at first. This process should be viewed on our criteria and Departmental Supplement at [www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/medicine/study-with-us/undergraduate/admissions-information)**

*The total number of applicants who were partaking in the Realising Opportunities Programme (ROP) and how many of them were offered interviews and how many received offers*

| Scholars/RO       | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Total applicants  | 18   | 9    | 21   | 19   |
| Total interviews  | 18   | 9    | 17   | 15   |
| Total offers made | 10   | 8    | 5    | 13   |

*The total number of applicants from Widening Participation backgrounds and how many of them received offers*

**40 applications, 27 of whom received offers. Please note that the contextualised data varies from year to year and the process changes, so we have just provided figures from 2021 cycle only for the above question.**

*For the last three admissions cycles to the A100 Medicine course, could you please provide me with a spreadsheet with statistics consisting of predicted/achieved A-Levels and total UCAT score of the ROP students who received offers.*

**The University is not able to provide the information in the format requested. This information is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure of this information would breach one of the data protection principles; if linked with other personal identifiers in the public domain, it would be likely to become personal data and subsequently identify an individual.**

*Lastly, for 2022 entry, I would like to know if ROP students will be receiving special consideration in the form of additional points for ranking purposes and if so, how many?*

**Please find attached the ROG/Scholars guidelines for 2022 entry on our website. We would advise you that entry is competitive and as we received substantial applications from various groups including ROGS, the degree and extent are largely given when all have been considered regarding UCAT scores and interview performance.**

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for information, you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to ask the University to review it; however, you must do so within 40 working days of the date of this response. Your request should include our reference number and explain the reason for requesting a review. Email [foi@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:foi@liverpool.ac.uk) or write to the Freedom of Information Reviewer, Legal & Governance, University of Liverpool, Foundation Building, 765 Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L69 7ZX. We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt.

Following an internal review, if you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113 [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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