

This year there were 694 applicants across the University for direct entry (a decrease of 45 on the previous year) and 13 for deferred entry to study Biochemistry. We had 98 places available for entry next year and made 98 college offers, 20 open offers (where a University place is guaranteed if the conditions are achieved but the College place will be allocated in August) and 1 offer for deferred entry. The Departmental policy is that conditional offers should normally be set at A*AA at A2-level with the A* in a science or maths, or the equivalent. As in previous years the UCAS forms of all applicants were read and graded centrally, by the Biochemistry Department, prior to short-listing (we aim to shortlist approximately 3 applicants per place); all short-listed applicants who could come to Oxford were interviewed at two colleges; the applicants were ranked according to their UCAS and both interview grades; and the final decisions were made at a meeting of all College tutors. Of the 707 applicants, 335 applicants were short-listed. Of these, 330 received an overall grade of 4.5 or better out of 7 (with 4 being “worth careful consideration” and 5 being “worth a place if one is available”) and 287 received an overall grade above 5, so being made an offer of a place is a very considerable achievement.

Further notes:

The Departmental policies for shortlisting and decisions are at <https://www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions>.

Deferred candidates arriving in 2020 - one

Opportunity Oxford nominations - four

Some initial statistics – excludes applicants who withdrew before interviews

	Access ¹	Gender		APR region			State	School Ind.	Other ²
		M	F	Home	EU	O'seas			
Number of applicants									
All	52	253	444	370	95	232	268	140	289
Shortlisted	39	108	227	234	40	61	175	78	82
Offer	17	43	76	96	12	11	75	25	19
Success rates									
Shortlisted	75%	43%	51%	63%	42%	26%	65%	56%	28%
Offer	33%	17%	17%	26%	13%	5%	28%	18%	7%
Number A* at GCSE ³									
All	5.8	7.0	7.6	7.6	na ⁴	6.4	7.2	8.3	5.9
Shortlisted	6.4	8.1	8.5	8.4	na	8.3	8.0	9.4	7.5
Offer	7.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	na	9.7	8.8	9.8	8.8
Number A-levels taken ⁵									
All	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.3	na	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.8
Shortlisted	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.3	na	4.1	3.3	3.5	4.0
Offer	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.4	na	4.4	3.4	3.6	4.1
Number predicted/achieved A* at A-levels in sciences ⁵									
All	1.8	2.2	2.2	2.1	na	2.6	2.0	2.4	2.5
Shortlisted	2.3	2.8	2.5	2.5	na	3.2	2.4	2.8	3.3
Offer	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.8	na	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.9

	State school		Independent school	
	M	F	M	F
Total applicants	106	162	60	80
% age shortlisted	60%	69%	48%	61%
% age offer	28%	28%	18%	18%

¹ Band A applicants.

² Apply Online UK and Apply Online Overseas

³ For applicants taking six or more GCSEs.

⁴ Too few applicants taking GCSEs or A-levels to give meaningful numbers.

⁵ For applicants taking three or more A-levels/pre-U.