

## Biochemistry – UCAS Cycle 2021

This year there were 728 applicants across the University for direct entry (an increase of 34 on the previous year) and 10 for deferred entry to study Biochemistry. We had 101 places available for entry next year and made 101 college offers, 11 open offers (where a University place is guaranteed if the conditions are achieved but the College place will be allocated in August) and 2 offers 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 were interviewed by two colleges (remotely this year); 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 738 applicants, 339 applicants were short-listed. Of these, 333 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 288 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 2021 - three

Opportunity Oxford nominations - seven

Biochemistry admissions round 2020/2021 – some initial statistics:  
(excludes applicants who withdrew before interview)

	Access <sup>1</sup>	Gender		APR region			State	School	
		M	F	Home	EU	O'seas		Ind.	Other <sup>2</sup>
Number of applicants									
All	64	273	461	366	65	303	247	132	355
Shortlisted	58	112	227	241	19	79	174	71	94
Offer	17	44	70	89	6	19	58	30	26
Success rates									
Shortlisted	91%	41%	49%	66%	29%	26%	70%	54%	26%
Offer	27%	16%	15%	24%	9%	6%	23%	23%	7%
Number 9/8/A* at GCSE <sup>3</sup>									
All	5.6	7.2	7.6	7.7	na <sup>4</sup>	6.2	7.2	8.8	6.0
Shortlisted	6.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	na	7.6	7.8	9.8	7.4
Offer	8.1	9.1	9.7	9.4	na	9.6	8.9	10.3	9.8
Number A-levels taken <sup>5</sup>									
All	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.3	na	3.8	3.3	3.5	3.8
Shortlisted	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.4	na	3.9	3.3	3.6	3.8
Offer	3.1	3.6	3.5	3.5	na	4.1	3.4	3.7	4.0
Number predicted/achieved A* at A-levels in sciences <sup>5</sup>									
All	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.1	na	2.7	2.0	2.5	2.7
Shortlisted	1.6	2.7	2.6	2.4	na	3.4	2.2	3.1	3.2
Offer	2.2	3.0	3.0	2.9	na	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.4

	State school		Independent school	
	M	F	M	F
Total applicants	86	161	64	68
%age shortlisted	62%	75%	48%	59%
%age offer	23%	24%	23%	22%

<sup>1</sup> Band A applicants.

<sup>2</sup> Apply Online UK and Apply Online Overseas.

<sup>3</sup> For applicants taking six or more GCSEs.

<sup>4</sup> Too few applicants taking GCSEs or A-levels to give meaningful numbers.

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