

This year there were 795 applicants across the University for direct entry (an increase of 67 on the previous year) and 12 for deferred entry to study Biochemistry. We had 97 places available for entry next year and made 97 college offers, 10 open offers (where a University place is guaranteed if the conditions are achieved but the College place will be allocated in August) and no 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 807 applicants, 353 applicants were short-listed. Of these, 340 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 312 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 2022 - two

Opportunity Oxford nominations - seven

Biochemistry admissions round 2021/2022 – some initial statistics:
(excludes five applicants who withdrew before offers were sent out)

	Access ¹	Gender		APR region			State	School	
		M	F	Home	EU	O'seas		Ind.	Other ²
Number of applicants									
All	69	305	498	447	59	297	309	155	339
Shortlisted	55	139	214	264	16	73	188	86	79
Offer	13	45	62	91	4	12	61	32	14
Success rates									
Shortlisted	80%	46%	43%	59%	27%	25%	61%	55%	23%
Offer	19%	15%	12%	20%	7%	4%	20%	21%	4%
Number 9/8/A* at GCSE ³									
All	6.8	8.0	8.3	8.6	na ⁴	6.8	8.1	9.6	6.3
Shortlisted	7.8	9.0	9.2	9.3	na	8.0	9.0	10.0	7.8
Offer	8.4	9.7	9.8	9.8	na	8.8	9.4	10.4	9.6
Number A-levels taken ⁵									
All	3.1	3.6	3.4	3.3	na	4.0	3.3	3.5	4.1
Shortlisted	3.2	3.6	3.4	3.4	na	4.1	3.3	3.7	4.1
Offer	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.5	na	4.0	3.4	3.7	4.0
Number predicted/achieved A* at A-levels in sciences ⁵									
All	1.7	2.4	2.3	2.2	na	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.7
Shortlisted	1.9	2.8	2.6	2.6	na	3.5	2.4	3.2	3.5
Offer	2.8	3.2	3.0	3.0	na	3.6	2.8	3.5	3.6

	State school		Independent school	
	M	F	M	F
Total applicants	111	198	66	89
%age shortlisted	61%	61%	61%	52%
%age offer	21%	19%	26%	16%

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.