

This year there were 867 applicants across the University for direct entry (an increase of 72 on the previous year) and 8 for deferred entry to study Biochemistry. We had 105 places available for entry next year and made 105 college offers, 8 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 A-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 875 applicants, 366 applicants were short-listed. Of these, 357 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 334 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 2023 - none

Opportunity Oxford nominations - twelve

Biochemistry admissions round 2022/2023 – some initial statistics:
(excludes four applicants who withdrew before interview)

	Access ¹	Gender		APR region			State	School	
		M	F	Home	EU	O'seas		Ind.	Other ²
Number of applicants									
All	74	324	547	483	56	332	334	153	384
Shortlisted	61	131	231	278	13	71	199	79	84
Offer	22	45	70	96	3	16	71	26	18
Success rates									
Shortlisted	82%	40%	42%	58%	23%	21%	60%	52%	22%
Offer	30%	14%	13%	20%	5%	5%	21%	17%	5%
Number 9/8/A* at GCSE ³									
All	6.9	7.9	8.5	8.6	na ⁴	7.1	8.2	9.3	7.2
Shortlisted	7.3	8.6	9.1	9.1	na	7.7	8.8	10.0	7.9
Offer	7.8	9.6	9.5	9.6	na	8.8	9.3	10.3	9.3
Number A-levels taken ⁵									
All	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.3	na	3.8	3.2	3.5	3.8
Shortlisted	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.4	na	4.0	3.3	3.7	4.0
Offer	3.3	3.7	3.3	3.4	na	4.0	3.3	3.8	4.0
Number predicted/achieved A* at A-levels in sciences ⁵									
All	1.8	2.5	2.4	2.2	na	3.1	2.1	2.8	3.0
Shortlisted	2.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	na	3.5	2.6	3.2	3.3
Offer	2.5	3.3	2.8	2.9	na	3.7	2.8	3.4	3.4

	State school		Independent school	
	M	F	M	F
Total applicants	121	213	66	89
%age shortlisted	54%	63%	61%	52%
%age offer	16%	24%	26%	16%

¹ Applicants in the most disadvantaged group according to contextual measures.

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.