

This year there were 872 applicants across the University for direct entry (an increase of 5 on the previous year) and 14 for deferred entry to study Biochemistry. We had 106 places available for entry next year and made 106 college offers, 13 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 886 applicants, 343 applicants were short-listed. Of these, 337 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 314 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 – two + one deferred open offer

Opportunity Oxford nominations – twelve

Biochemistry admissions round 2023/2024 – some initial statistics:

(excludes three applicants who withdrew before interview)

	Access ¹	Gender				APR region			State	School Ind.	Other ²
		Man	Woman	I use another term	I prefer not to say	Home	EU	O'seas			
Number of applicants											
All	70	312	561	6	4	475	55	353	345	141	397
Shortlisted	55	111	223	4	2	259	10	71	197	57	86
Offer	21	45	73	1	2	101	1	19	75	25	21
Success rates											
Shortlisted	79%	36%	40%	67%	50%	55%	18%	20%	57%	40%	22%
Offer	30%	14%	13%	17%	50%	21%	2%	5%	22%	18%	5%
Number 9/8/A* at GCSE ³											
All	7.0	7.6	8.3	na ⁴	na	8.3	na	7.1	8.0	8.9	7.2
Shortlisted	7.4	8.1	9.0	na	na	8.9	na	7.8	8.6	9.6	8.1
Offer	8.2	8.9	9.5	na	na	9.5	na	8.3	9.2	10.1	8.4
Number A-levels taken ⁵											
All	3.2	3.5	3.4	na	na	3.3	na	4.0	3.3	3.5	4.0
Shortlisted	3.2	3.6	3.4	na	na	3.4	na	4.4	3.3	3.6	4.2
Offer	3.1	3.5	3.5	na	na	3.4	na	4.6	3.4	3.7	4.4
Number predicted/achieved A* at A-levels in sciences ⁵											
All	1.8	2.5	2.3	na	na	2.3	na	3.0	2.2	2.6	2.9
Shortlisted	2.1	3.0	2.7	na	na	2.7	na	3.8	2.6	3.0	3.5
Offer	2.3	3.1	2.9	na	na	2.9	na	4.3	2.9	3.0	4.0

	State school				Independent school			
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Total applicants	133	207	redacted ⁶	redacted	60	77	redacted	redacted
%age shortlisted	48%	62%	redacted	redacted	33%	45%	redacted	redacted
%age offer	20%	23%	redacted	redacted	15%	18%	redacted	redacted

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

² Apply Online UK, Apply Online Overseas and overseas schools.

³ For applicants taking six or more GCSEs.

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

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

⁶ Numbers removed for data protection because of the very small number of applicants.