

This year there were 932 applicants across the University for direct entry (an increase of 60 on the previous year) and 18 for deferred entry to study Biochemistry. We had 103 places available for entry next year and made 103 college offers, 16 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 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 950 applicants, 352 applicants were short-listed. Of these, 343 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 5.0, 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 2025 – two

Opportunity Oxford nominations – sixteen

Biochemistry admissions round 2024/2025 – some initial statistics:

(excludes five 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	77	326	608	6	5	504	61	380	362	146	437
Shortlisted	58	113	238	1	0	246	14	92	178	74	100
Offer	20	44	75	1	0	97	2	21	64	34	22
Success rates											
Shortlisted	75%	35%	39%	17%	0%	49%	23%	24%	49%	51%	23%
Offer	26%	13%	12%	17%	0%	19%	3%	6%	18%	23%	5%
Number 9/8/A* at GCSE ³											
All	6.6	7.4	8.1	na ⁴	na	8.0	na	7.1	7.8	8.9	6.8
Shortlisted	7.2	8.5	8.8	na	na	8.8	na	8.1	8.5	9.8	7.8
Offer	7.5	9.1	9.2	na	na	9.1	na	9.8	8.9	9.9	8.8
Number A-levels taken ⁵											
All	3.2	3.5	3.4	na	na	3.3	na	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.8
Shortlisted	3.2	3.6	3.4	na	na	3.4	na	4.1	3.3	3.7	4.0
Offer	3.5	3.6	3.6	na	na	3.5	na	4.3	3.5	3.7	3.7
Number predicted/achieved A* at A-levels in sciences ⁵											
All	1.8	2.3	2.4	na	na	2.2	na	3.1	2.1	2.7	2.8
Shortlisted	2.0	2.8	2.7	na	na	2.6	na	3.6	2.5	3.2	3.3
Offer	2.3	3.0	2.9	na	na	2.9	na	3.8	2.7	3.3	2.9

	State school				Independent school			
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Total applicants	119	237	redacted ⁶	redacted	56	90	redacted	redacted
%age shortlisted	45%	52%	redacted	redacted	57%	47%	redacted	redacted
%age offer	18%	18%	redacted	redacted	32%	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.