University of St Andrews - School of Medicine Handbook

STUDENTS CONSIDERING APPLYING FOR PHASE 2 (YEARS 4 TO 6) AT CAMBRIDGE

- 1. BSc (Hons) students may apply to complete their clinical training at Cambridge. Students should note that Cambridge usually only accepts one St Andrews student each year. The successful applicant is likely to have a broad portfolio of extra-curricular interests in education, sport or the arts. Cambridge will only consider students who have scored 1st class grades in all 1st and 2nd year modules¹. Cambridge will not consider applications from students who are already intercalating.
- 2. Students applying to Cambridge may be made an offer that is conditional on:
 - a. Completing the 3 year BSc and obtaining an honours degree.
 - b. Being accepted by a Cambridge College.
 - c. Satisfying occupational health and immunisation requirements.
 - d. Providing the college with proof of financial support for the duration of the course.
 - e. Obtaining a satisfactory CRB report.

Process:

- a. Third year students who wish to apply to Cambridge are required to complete a St Andrews pre-selection application form in the first instance. The completed form should be emailed to medical.admissions@st-andrews.ac.uk by Monday of week 7 of Semester 1.
- b. Pre-selection interviews will be held in St Andrews; these are likely to be held around weeks 9 to 11 of Semester 1. The Medical Admissions team will confirm details with students invited to attend a pre-selection interview.
- c. The Medical Admissions team will communicate the Head of School's decision as to whether the student is being supported in their application to Cambridge, following the preselection interview. If they are being supported, the student should complete the Cambridge application form; applicants will be provided with a Word version by the Medical Admissions team. There will be no input from staff over the Christmas holiday period; it is the student's responsibility to get their Cambridge application completed before the end of week 13.
- d. Cambridge will choose which St Andrews students, who have been given Head of School support, they wish to interview. Students will be contacted direct by Cambridge.
- 4. **Contingency planning**. Students who are applying to Cambridge should continue to follow the process for transfer to their allocated medical school in case their application is unsuccessful. The Admissions staff will inform the Partner Medical School that the student is applying elsewhere and will also inform them if the application is successful.

¹ While students must have scored 17 or better in 4 modules so far this is by no means a guarantee of interview by Cambridge. A number of students with four modules graded at 20 failed to secure a place.