

# INFORMATION SHEET FOR THOSE HOLDING AN OFFER FOR THE BSc IN MEDICAL SCIENCES



The most important information you need is listed below. It will be sent to you through the EUCLID portal.

- Offer letter from the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, The University of Edinburgh
- Information Sheet (this document)
- Post-application Visit Day Invitation

Information concerning,

- Accommodation Services Application
- Fees and Living Costs Information

can be accessed through the offer web page.

## **A Checklist for Further Action**

1. Indicate whether or not you are able to attend the Visit Day by returning the reply slip from the Visit Day information sheet or by emailing [v.farrar@ed.ac.uk](mailto:v.farrar@ed.ac.uk) as soon as possible.
2. Once an offer has been firmly accepted, the following documents must be sent to the Biomedical Teaching Organisation, as soon as possible. **Please note that if the material below has not been received by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, your place on the course may not be confirmed.**
  - The SQA, GCSE or GCE certificates (or other relevant documents) which you have obtained to date (copies are acceptable). Please do not send the original certificates.
3. If you change your correspondence address, **please advise both this office at the address below and UCAS.**
4. Log on to the accommodation website to make an online application [www.accom.ed.ac.uk](http://www.accom.ed.ac.uk) or contact them for details of alternative arrangements.
  - Accommodation Services  
Reception Centre, Pollock Halls  
18 Holyrood Park Road  
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- **Phone:**  
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5. Make a written application to the appropriate funding body for an award (see information below).

## **B Start of Course**

The first semester of the 2011-2012 academic year will commence on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011** with Freshers' Week. Details of the semester dates are available on the University's website at <http://www.ed.ac.uk/news/semesters/>

## **C Tuition Fees and Financial Support**

Details of the current tuition fees and support arrangements are available on the University Registry's website at <http://www.registry.ed.ac.uk/>.

From session 2011/2012 there will be significant changes to the financial support available to first-time undergraduates for both tuition fees and living costs. You will find up-to-date information on the support arrangements available to you at the following links:

- **Scotland** and **European Union countries outside the United Kingdom.** Students domiciled in Scotland or in any EU country outside the UK should apply for financial support to the **Student Awards Agency for Scotland (SAAS)** and full support information is online at <http://www.saas.gov.uk/>. SAAS can also be contacted at: Gyleview House, 3 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh. EH12 9HH Telephone: +44 (0)845 11 1711
- Students resident in **England** should apply to their **Local Education Authority (LEA)**. The Department for Education and Employment (DfES) issues guidance and information on the financial support system for students and this can be found online at <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/studentssupport>.
- Students resident in **Wales** should apply to their **Local Authority (LA)**. The website <http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk> contains further information on student financial support.
- Students resident in **Northern Ireland** should apply to their **Education and Library Board (ELB)**. Information on student financial support is available online at: <http://www.delni.gov.uk/index.cfm/area/information/page/StudentFinance>
- **Applicants designated as 'overseas'** for tuition fee purposes will be liable for higher rates of fees than 'home/EU' students. If you have any enquiries on this subject please contact the Biomedical Teaching Organisation at the address below.

**University of Edinburgh Bursaries:** The University of Edinburgh is awarding over 125 Bursaries worth at least £1,000 each year of academic study. These awards, open to all United Kingdom domiciled students, are intended to provide financial support for students accepted for a place at the University, but who face financial or personal circumstances which might prevent their academic progression. Further information and contact details for the bursary scheme can be found at <http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/bursaries.htm> or by contacting the University's Scholarships and Financial Aid Office on 0131 650 9664.

#### **D Conditional Offers and Confirmation of Examination Results**

**Please keep and refer to this section when your examination results are announced.**

1. If your offer is conditional on SQA Higher or Advanced Higher passes, on GCE AS or A level passes, or on Irish Leaving Certificate passes, there is no need for you to notify us. The University is informed directly of these results via UCAS.
2. **If your offer is conditional on passes in any other examinations you must inform the Biomedical Teaching Organisation (address below) of your results as soon as they become available. Please send copies of your results to the address below.**
3. If you do not meet the terms of your conditional offer, your application will, nevertheless, receive careful consideration. If you wish to draw attention to any extenuating circumstances such as illness, you should inform the Biomedical Teaching Organisation at the time of the examinations, and not wait until your results are announced; it may by that stage be too late to take additional factors into account.
4. Offers based on SQA or GCE passes are expressed in terms of letter grades and not numerical points. For example, an offer set at two B grades means that two passes at B grade or above are required; a combination of one A grade and one C grade is not regarded as the equivalent of two B grades.
5. Provided that we receive copies of your educational certificates and your offer is, or becomes, "Unconditional Firm" then we will send you a joining pack via the EUCLID portal. This will contain a formal letter confirming admission together with information about Freshers' Week and registration and fee paying procedures.

#### **E Any Questions? Please contact:**

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