School of Medicine Access to Medicine Scholarship Scheme¹
2021/2022

1. Introduction
The University of Limerick provides financial assistance to a limited number of eligible students who are successful in applying to the UL School of Medicine’s BMBS (Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery) Programme. These Scholarships are aimed at students who entered their undergraduate degree via an Access route and who have been under-represented at University due to their socio-economic disadvantaged backgrounds.

2. Eligibility
Applicants must fulfil all of the following:
- Be an Irish/EU applicant.
- Have previously entered third level education via a recognised Access route.
- Satisfy the normal academic entry requirements of the programme (minimum 2.1 in first honours bachelor degree plus the required GAMSAT score) and have been offered a place on the School of Medicine’s BMBS Programme at the University of Limerick via the CAO.

3. Awarding of the Scholarship
- The decision regarding the awarding of Scholarships will be made by a Scholarship Committee, which will include representatives of the School, UL Access Office, the UL Foundation and a representative from one other Academic Department within the University. The committee will assess evidence of previous entry to third level education via a recognised Access route. There are a limited number of Scholarships available for award.
- Each application is assessed on its own merit.
- The decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be final, confidential, and evidence-based. Appeals are not permitted.
- The Bank of Ireland provides fees and maintenance loans to suitably qualified applicants to the BMBS programme. Applicants are encouraged to explore this in parallel as there are a limited number of scholarships available. Details of the scheme are provided on the School of Medicine website and in Appendix 1 below.

4. Value
The Scholarship aims to cover tuition fees plus a contribution towards living expenses.

5. Duration
Normal duration of the programme (i.e. four years) subject to satisfactory academic performance and being in good standing in the University.

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6. How to Apply

The Scholarship Scheme is administered by the School of Medicine as follows. Queries can be directed to the School at MedicineScholarship@ul.ie.

In March 2021, CAO applicants will be invited to complete an online application form.

Applicants must provide proof of Access status. In the case of the HEAR Scheme, the applicant can provide this letter from the CAO. Alternatively, the letter can be obtained from the Access Officer from the institution where they are currently studying or where they completed their undergraduate degree.

This letter must include the following:
1. **confirmation** of the completion of your undergraduate degree through the scheme,
2. **name** of the Access route/scheme,
3. **the eligibility criteria** for the scheme – and – which criteria you met

By Wednesday, 26th May 2021, all interested applicants must have completed and submitted the scholarship application form.

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS** (FORMS AND VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION) **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

7. Review

The Access to Medicine Scholarship Scheme will be reviewed and revised at the discretion of the School of Medicine Scholarship Committee.
Tailored Financial Package for Students of the School of Medicine
Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS) programme

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- This proposal is open uniquely to students who qualify and are awarded a place on the 4 year BMBS Programme in the University of Limerick, through the CAO application process.
- Loan up to a maximum of €60,000 to cover fees for Graduates entering UL School of Medicine’s Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS) Programme. Candidates can apply to borrow up to €15,000 (plus interest) each year for a maximum of four years.
- A preferential interest rate of 6.5% APR applies to the Medicine loan and is subject to change.
- No repayments (capital or interest) are made for the duration of the course (4 years). Note, interest will accrue over the 4 years and at the end of this term the loan is rescheduled and repayments commence over a maximum of 10 years.
- Each year the student must provide proof of acceptance for the following year’s course.
- Should the applicant leave the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS) programme at any point during the four years, the preferential rate and repayment moratorium shall no longer apply.

Bank of Ireland Requirements
- Only open to students who have been awarded a place in the UL 4 year BMBS Programme.
- Candidates must have an active Bank of Ireland student current account.
- A parental guarantee is required and the guarantor must reside in the Republic of Ireland.
- Lending criteria, terms and conditions apply and applicants will be assessed individually.