

UK Foundation Programme (UKFP) 2021

National Allocation Update

Introduction

The purpose of this statement is to provide information in relation to the release of allocation to foundation school results for the 2021 Foundation Programme. The primary list allocation results were released shortly after midnight on Thursday 11th March 2021. There are currently **6844 programmes** and **7338 applicants** remaining in the application process.

For 2021, a number of standard FP programmes were advertised as foundation priority programmes. These programmes were recruited separately and prior to the national allocation process. Further information about fill rates for these programmes has also been provided.

Overview

A total of 7081 foundation training places have been filled for the 2021 Foundation Programme. This includes the 6844 primary list allocation and 237 accepted offers for priority programmes.

Primary List

The UKFPO are now in a position to announce that over 93% of applicants remaining in the process at the time of the national allocation have been successfully allocated to foundation schools, with 94% of primary list applicants being allocated to one of their top five preferences. Of the 6844 applicants allocated to the primary list, 75% have been allocated to their first preference foundation school and 83% have been allocated to one of their top two preferences. Less than 6% of primary list applicants were allocated to a preference lower than five.

The primary list comprises 6355 (93%) UK nominees and 489 (7%) applicants who applied through the UKFPO's Eligibility Office, which is in line with the data from previous years. Of the total number of UK medical school graduates included in the final allocation run, 93% were allocated to the primary list.

Reserve List

A total of 494 applicants have been placed on the reserve list this year. The number of applicants placed on the reserve list has increased compared to 2020 when the list comprised 260 applicants. The reserve list is still higher than in previous years: 45 in 2016 and 25 in 2017, 202 in 2018, 425 in 2019.

Of the 494 applicants placed on the reserve list, 307 (62%) are UK medical school nominees and 187 (38%) are eligibility applicants.

The UKFPO will be working closely with foundation schools and medical schools over the coming weeks to ensure suitable pastoral support is in place for reserve list applicants.

The UKFPO will endeavour to allocate reserve list applicants at the earliest opportunity subject to primary list applicant withdrawals.

Allocation Results

Allocation results were released on Oriel at approximately 12am (midnight) on Wednesday 10th March 2020. This timing is intended to disperse the amount of user activity on the system to ensure optimum performance and applicant experience.

It is expected that there will be applicant withdrawals shortly after the primary list allocation as experienced in previous years. The intention will be to allocate applicants who are placed on the reserve list at the earliest possible convenience once all primary list applicants have been matched to programmes.

Primary list applicants will receive their match to programme results on Thursday 8th April 2021.

Foundation Priority Programmes

A total of 237 foundation training posts were filled through the priority programmes initiative prior to national allocation to standard FP places. In the majority of cases, any unfilled priority programmes were included in the national allocation to foundation schools.

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