

UK Foundation Programme (UKFP) 2-Year Foundation Programme 2023

High-Level Applicant Timeline

Eligibility process
Clinical Assessment
Foundation Programme (FP) / Situational Judgement Test (SJT)
Pre-Allocation process
Specialised Foundation Programme (SFP) and Foundation Priority Programmes (FPP)

Recruitment Activity	Dates	Role
Eligibility guidance for applicants published	June 2022	UKFPO
Main applicant guide published	July 2022	UKFPO
Eligibility application window	06 July (09:00 BST) –29 July 2022 (12:00 midday BST)	UKFPO/ Applicants
Eligibility outcomes released to applicants	11 August 2022	UKFPO
Clinical Assessment payment details released to applicants	18 August 2022	UKFPO
Final date for applicants to set up their GMC Online account (including providing valid English language evidence to the GMC)	24 August 2022	Applicants who need to take PLAB
Registration window (on Oriel application system) for applicants *Registration emails will be sent to nominated applicants from UK medical schools at 09:00am (BST), however please be aware that this email may take some time to appear in your inbox*.	25 August (09:00 BST) – 07 September 2022	Applicants
Deadline for applicants to pay Clinical Assessment fee	31 August 2022 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants
Deadline to submit reasonable adjustment requests for the Clinical Assessment.	31 August 2022 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants

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**The Oriel application system will be offline for planned downtime on 31 August (and potentially also on 1 st September). **	31 August – 01 September 2022	Applicants
Final date for applicants to email PLAB@gmc-uk.org asking for access to book PLAB 1 place The GMC will not consider any requests received after this date	31 August 2022	Applicants who need to take PLAB
National application window for FP, FPP, SFP programmes	07 (09:00 BST) – 21 September 2022 (12:00 midday BST) *Deadline originally 20 th September and extended to 21 st due to the UK bank holiday on 19 th September	Applicants
Pre-allocation application window (application via main Oriel application form)	07 (09:00 BST) - 21 September 2022 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants
Deadline for applicants to send confirmation of PLAB 1 exam booking to UKFPO	09 September 2022 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants who need to take PLAB
Clinical Assessment dates and times provided to applicants	19 September 2022	UKFPO
Deadline to apply for SJT Reasonable Adjustments (via main Oriel application form)	21 September 2022 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants
Foundation Schools/SUoAs hold Specialised Foundation Programme selection processes	22 September– 30 December 2022	Foundation Schools
SJT booking window for applicants with approved reasonable adjustments	03 – 07 October 2022 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants

Recruitment Activity	Dates	Role
SJT booking window for all applicants	10 – 13 October 2022 (11:59pm BST)	Applicants
Deadline for applicants to rank and amend SFP programme preferences	14 October 2022 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants
Pre-Allocation application outcomes released to applicants	03 November 2022	UKFPO
Applicants must sit PLAB 1 on or before this date. (The GMC will be unable to support applicants who do not sit PLAB 1 by 03 November 2022 to make a PLAB 2 booking)	03 November 2022	Applicants who need to take PLAB
Clinical Assessment dates	08 – 10 November 2022	Applicants
Clinical Assessment outcomes and feedback released to applicants	23 November 2022	UKFPO
Situational Judgement Test (SJT) window 1	07 – 20 December 2022	Applicants
Specialised Foundation Programme offers released – Round 1	11 January 2023	UKFPO
Situational Judgement Test (SJT) window 2	19 – 23 January 2023	Applicants
Specialised Foundation Programme offers released – Round 2	18 – 20 January 2023	UKFPO
Specialised Foundation Programme offers released – Round 3	25 – 27 January 2023	UKFPO
Specialised Foundation Programme offers released – Round 4	01 – 03 February 2023	UKFPO
Specialised Foundation Programme clearing round	06 – 10 February 2023	FS
Deadline for applicants to rank and amend programme preferences for FP and FPP	16 February 2023 (12:00 midday GMT)	Applicants

Recruitment Activity	Dates	Role
Foundation Priority Programme (FPP) offers – Round 1	22 - 24 February 2023	UKFPO
Foundation Priority Programme (FPP) offers – Round 2	27 February – 01 March 2023	UKFPO
Foundation Priority Programme (FPP) offers – Round 3	01 – 03 March 2023	UKFPO
Exceptionally low-scoring SJT reviews take place	01 March 2023	UKFPO/ Applicants
Exceptionally low-scoring SJT outcomes released to applicants	02 – 03 March 2023	UKFPO
Allocation to Foundation School	09 March 2023	UKFPO
Reference submission window opens	09 March – 14 July 2023	Referees/ Applicants
Group preferencing window (two-stage process)	09 – 16 March 2023 (12:00 midday GMT) (window closing date has been extended from 15 to 16 March due to junior doctor industrial action)	Applicants
Programme preferencing window (one-stage process)	09 – 30 March 2023 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants
Group match results released	20 March 2023	UKFPO
Programme preferencing window (two-stage process)	20 – 30 March 2023 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants
Deadline to have booked a PLAB 2 test sitting with the GMC The GMC will not consider any requests received after this date	31 March 2023	Applicants who need to take PLAB

Recruitment Activity	Dates	Role
Deadline for applicants to send confirmation of PLAB 2 exam booking to UKFPO	6 April 2023 (12:00 midday BST)	Applicants who need to take PLAB
<p>Programme match results released to applicants in cohort 1</p> <p>Foundation Schools will confirm to applicants their cohort number and information about the local process for programme matching</p>	13 April 2023	UKFPO
Further programme preferencing and programme matches will take place from May 2023 for cohorts 2 onwards to ensure that all applicants are matched to a foundation programme within their allocated foundation school.	May - July 2023	FS
Applicant information released to employers via the Oriel system	From 13 April 2023 onwards	FS
Applicants must begin provisional registration process (if not already)	From 1 May 2023	Applicants
Applicants must sit PLAB 2 on or before this date	31 May 2023	Applicants who need to take PLAB
Reference submission window closes	14 July 2023 (12:00 midday BST)	Referees/ Applicants

Please note that all times published are UK local time. The UKFPO will endeavour to release outcomes/communicate with applicants as early as feasible on each stated date.