

2019 Foundation Programme Application Summary

Summary

The foundation application process closed at 12:00 on Friday 12th October 2018, the UK Foundation Programme Office (UKFPO) had received **553** applications more than the number places available (please see appendices 1 – 3 for details of programme places and applications by foundation schools).

Current Position

Country	Indicative Posts			Number of Applicants from Each Nation and Eligibility Office*			Variance (post number minus number of applicants)		
	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
England	6,189	6,111	6,112	5,803	5,865	5,955	-386	-246	157
Northern Ireland	267	252	253	241	255	260	-26	3	-7
Scotland	849	849	849	880	818	853	31	-31	-4
Wales	339	339	339	366	339	353	27	0	-14
Eligibility Office	N / A	N / A	N / A	452	582	695	N / A	N / A	N / A
National Total	7,644	7,551	7,563	7,742	7,859	8,116	98	308	553

*Eligibility Office includes overseas graduates and UK medical school graduates who qualified more than two years prior to the start of the programme.

UK Medical School Nominations and Applications

At the time of the close of the application window, a total of 7,608 students / graduates had been nominated by UK medical schools, 7,421 (97.54%) of whom submitted an FP application.

Eligibility Office Applications

A total of 695 (91.67%) eligible applicants who applied through the eligibility process have subsequently applied to FP.

Withdrawals

In previous recruitment years there has been a withdrawal rate of approximately 7% (appendix 4). When applying the 7% reduction to the UKFP 2019 oversubscription figure, it is predicted there will be **15** vacancies at the start of the programme in August 2019.

Primary List / Reserve List – Number of applicants expected in March 2019

Based on previous pre-primary list allocation withdrawal rates, it is predicted that 30% of the total number expected to withdraw will do so prior to the primary list allocation. The figures suggest that **383 applicants** will be placed on the reserve list following the allocation to foundation schools in March 2019.

	FP 2016	FP 2017	FP 2018	FP 2019
More applicants than posts	243	98	308	553
Minus 30% pre-allocation withdrawals	165	163	165	170
Number of applicants on reserve list	78	-65	143	383

Appendix 1 – Number of Programmes

Foundation School / Unit of Application (UoA)	AFP Programmes	FP Programmes	Total Programmes
East Anglia – Cambridge	24	254	290
East Anglia – Norfolk	12		
EBH	22	308	330
LNR	48	150	486
Trent		288	
North Central and East London	127	337	1,473
North West London		231	
South Thames		778	
North West of England	57	792	849
Northern	21	380	401
Northern Ireland	9	244	253
Oxford	24	216	240
Peninsula	25	189	479
Severn		265	
Scotland	60	789	849
Wales	12	327	339
Wessex	13	293	306
West Midlands Central	45	180	642
West Midlands North		252	
West Midlands South		165	
Yorkshire and Humber	66	560	626
Total Programme Preferences	565	6,998	7,653

Appendix 2 – Applications to AFP

Academic Unit of Application (AUoA)	Number of Posts	Number of Applications to AUoA
East Anglia – Cambridge	24	170
East Anglia – Norfolk	12	25
EBH	22	129
East Midlands	48	108
London and the South East	127	832
North West of England	57	280
Northern	21	79
Northern Ireland	9	39
Oxford	24	228
South West	25	179
Scotland	60	177
Wales	12	53
Wessex	13	74
West Midlands	45	133
Yorkshire and Humber	66	272
Totals	565	2,778

Appendix 3 – FP Places and UK Home Student Applications

Foundation School	FP Places Advertised in 2019	Number of Home Students Who Applied
East Anglia	254	345
Essex, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire (EBH)	308	N / A
Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland (LNR)	150	232
North Central and East London	337	672
North West London	231	293
North West of England	792	736
Northern	380	328
Northern Ireland	244	260
Oxford	216	211
Peninsula	189	203
Scotland	789	853
Severn	265	228
South Thames	778	877
Trent	288	311
Wales	327	353
Wessex	293	216
West Midlands Central	180	379
West Midlands North	252	117
West Midlands South	165	149
Yorkshire and Humber	560	658
Totals	6,998	7,421

Appendix 4 – Number of Withdrawals

The table below shows the number of withdrawals from the point of application up until the start of the Foundation Programme. Withdrawal percentages are derived based on the number of applicants.

Year	Number withdrawn	% of applicants who applied
FP 2013	609	7.42%
FP 2014	548	6.87%
FP 2015	596	7.07%
FP 2016	543	6.91%
FP 2017	517	6.68%
FP 2018	507	6.44%*

**The withdrawal rate reduced for the 2018 programme as sponsorship was arranged for applicants who were subject to Resident Labour Market Tests (RLMT) to apply for Tier 2 visas under the 'milkround' category due to revisions to the advertising schedule. In previous years, this cohort would have typically been withdrawn.*