

## Routes to the Professions



Routes to the Professions is a new initiative offered by the University of Birmingham as part of our commitment to improving access of under-represented groups to courses that lead to professional careers.

The programme aims to improve the knowledge, understanding and progression of underrepresented groups into professional courses by providing students with opportunities to develop non-academic skills and capabilities that are important for accessing professional courses and careers.

### R2P: Medicine

R2P: Medicine is delivered by the University's Outreach Office in partnership with the College of Medical and Dental Sciences.

This is a unique opportunity for students to get a real insight into studying medicine at the University of Birmingham as well as receiving advice, guidance and support at key points through their university application process.

Students will join an 18 month programme in year 12 and will receive:

- tailored careers advice
- UCAS application and interview support
- guidance on relevant work placements
- the opportunity to apply for work experience at the Universities Cardio Vascular Labs
- mentoring by current medical students
- the opportunity to shadow medical students

### Who should apply?

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This programme is aimed at students who are currently underrepresented in the medical profession, but who have the academic potential for medical studies and a medical career.

Places are limited and priority will be given to students who meet the following criteria:

- Be the first generation in their family to go to university
- Have parents in non-professional occupations
- An annual household income of below £42,600
- Have a minimum of eight GCSEs with a minimum of three at Grade A, including two As from English, Maths or Science and a minimum grade B in these three subjects
- Predicted AS level grades BBBC including Biology and Chemistry

We will also prioritise students:

- in receipt of free school meals
- attending a state school with a high proportion of students eligible for free school meals and with low progression rates to selective universities

### How to apply

Applications have now closed for the current cycle. We will be recruiting for the next cohort in autumn 2015.

The application form must be submitted to the student's school or college for authorisation before being sent to the University for consideration.

### Insight into Medicine

This event is aimed at Year 10 pupils who are interested in finding out more about getting into Medicine.

### R2P: Law

R2P: Law is delivered by the University's Outreach Office in partnership with the Birmingham Law School.

This programme provides students who would like a career in Law with tailored advice and guidance to help them make informed decisions about pursuing a career in the legal profession and to support them throughout the application process.

Students will join the programme in year 12 and over the next 18 months they will take part in a range of activities such as finding out about different routes and careers in Law, mentoring by current Law students, shadowing Law students and opportunities to have professional mentors and attend a placement at a Law firm.

### Who should apply?

This programme is aimed at students who are currently underrepresented in the legal profession. Priority will be given to students who meet the following criteria:

- Be the first generation in their family to go to university
- Have parents in non-professional occupations
- Have a minimum of eight GCSEs with a minimum of 6 at Grade A\*-C including English and Maths
- Be predicted a minimum of grades ABB in AS Level / A Level.
- Have an annual household income is £42,600 or less

We will prioritise students attending a state school with a high proportion of students eligible for free school meals and with low progression rates to selective universities.

## How to apply

We are currently recruiting students for **R2P: Law**. The deadline for applications is **Friday 13 February 2015**.

The application form must be submitted to the student's school or college for authorisation before being sent to the University for consideration.

## Insight into Law

This event is aimed at Year 10 pupils who are interested in finding out more about careers in the legal profession.

Our first Insight into Law event took place in July 2013, where in addition to taking part in an interactive law challenge, pupils had a unique opportunity to:

- learn about subject and entry requirements to study Law
- discover different routes into law
- find out about careers in the legal profession
- meet and hear from current Law students

To find out more about the University's Routes to the Professions programme, please email [Shaheen Barkat \(mailto:s.barkat@bham.ac.uk\)](mailto:s.barkat@bham.ac.uk).

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