This exciting new initiative at the University of Birmingham aims to improve the knowledge, understanding and progression of under-represented groups into courses and careers in medicine.

The programme will also provide opportunities for students to develop non-academic skills and capabilities that are important for the medical profession, such as communication and reflection skills, alongside guidance on seeking work experience and practise interview techniques.
Who should apply?
This programme is aimed at students who are from groups currently under-represented in medicine courses and 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
- 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

What will the programme include?
This is an 18-month programme with a range of opportunities to support students who would like to apply for a course in medicine.

Students will join the programme in February of Year 12 and take part in a range of activities to help them make an informed decision about whether to pursue a career in medicine and to support them throughout the application process.

Launch event – Wednesday 10 December 2014
Students will have the opportunity to:
- Find out more about applying and getting into medicine
- Attend a lecture in a university setting
- Find out more about life as a medical student
- Meet current undergraduate medical students who will support them through the rest of the programme

Clinical mentor
New for this year, we are introducing a clinician mentoring scheme. Mentoring from a practising doctor will give students the opportunity to discuss what it is actually like to be a doctor, the challenges involved, the highs and the lows, and the career paths available. This will give students an invaluable insight into the profession and will help them make important decisions about their future.

Mentoring
All students will be assigned a mentor who will be a current medical student. The mentor will support students with:
- Understanding more about the demands of the medical course
- Seeking work experience
- Writing a UCAS application and personal statement
- Interview techniques

Student shadowing
Students will have the opportunity to spend a day with a current medical student so they can find out what it is really like to study medicine.

Work shadowing placement
Students will be offered guidance on finding appropriate work placements. Some students, who have shown particular commitment to the programme, will have the opportunity to apply for a work shadowing placement arranged by the programme.

Preparing your Medicine Application Workshop
This workshop is designed to help students to prepare for their university medicine application. Sessions in the workshop will cover:
- Q&A with the medicine admissions tutor
- Alternative routes into medicine and healthcare professions
- Admissions tests
- UCAS Personal Statement and reflecting on your work experience

Mock medical interviews
This session will give students the opportunity to find out more about medical interviews, attend a practice interview and receive tips on how to be successful.

Guaranteed Interview
Students on the R2P: Medicine programme who meet the minimum GCSE and AS Level thresholds will be guaranteed an interview on our undergraduate MBChB programme.

How do students apply?
Please complete all sections of the Routes to the Professions application form. This should be supported by the head of sixth form or a nominated teacher at the school. Once completed, please return the form to the University of Birmingham (contact details are on the application form).

Places are limited, please apply early to secure a place on the programme. The final closing date for applications is Friday 21 November 2014.

Learn more
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