Hull York Medical School gave me the opportunity to flourish.

Dr Dunni Adeleye, Class of 2018

Confident, compassionate, exceptional doctors are made here.

Medicine Undergraduate Prospectus 2024
I was the first person in my family to go to university - I’m forever grateful to Hull York for seeing my potential.

Dr David Smith, Class of 2015

The first time I was present for the birth of a baby was one of my best experiences at medical school.

Dr Melody Redman, Class of 2014
Welcome to Hull York Medical School, home of exceptional medical education and a modern, innovative undergraduate medicine programme.

Hull York Medical School is a partnership for people who want to make a difference. We believe in promoting a culture of diversity, respect and aspiration, combining a pioneering approach with innovative methods to drive excellence in all we do. We are dedicated to public service, and working collaboratively to improve lives within our communities.

We are committed not just to training doctors, but to training brilliant doctors, who are equipped with the skills, agility and resilience they need to deliver excellent patient-centred care in an ever-changing healthcare environment. If you share our passion for making a difference, take a closer look...
THE HULL YORK DIFFERENCE

WE’VE ADDED OVER 1800 DOCTORS TO THE NHS WORKFORCE

PLACEMENTS PROVIDED BY 100+ GP SURgeries

4. ACUTE NHS TRUST PARTNERS

4. MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER PARTNERS

2. UNIVERSITIES, TWICE THE EXPERTISE

> 35% OF OUR RESEARCH IS WORLD LEADING OR INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT (REF)
Welcome to Hull York Medical School: the joint medical school of the Universities of Hull and York.

We are committed to transforming the lives of people in our region and beyond – through our teaching, our research, our partnerships and our community engagement.

Our values of Pursuing Excellence, Socially Responsible, Collaborative and Everyone Counts are at the heart of all we do. They enable us to bring together knowledge and expertise, and develop partnerships which extend our reach, so that we can make a real and lasting impact on the global health challenges of our society. Importantly though, they help us to inspire individuals to reach their true potential.

The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that today’s doctors not only need to be equipped with the knowledge and skills to treat their patients effectively, but also with the resilience and agility to rise to unexpected challenges, as well as the empathy to make a positive difference to the people and communities they serve.

Through our Medicine and Medicine with a Gateway Year programmes, we are able to train confident, compassionate and work-ready doctors – the kind of doctors who can recognise and respond to the needs of their patients and deliver exceptional care.

We care about the values our students hold and our aim is that they join the more than 1,800 Hull York graduates currently transforming their patients’ lives on a local, national and global level.

My own career as a doctor began in the 1980s, and has taken me from a hospital environment into clinical and academic general practice. I am passionate about tackling health inequalities, and lead research teams dedicated to improving cancer diagnosis, treatment and care. While continuing to practise as a GP, it is also my privilege to be Dean of Hull York Medical School, and to oversee your education as you take your first steps on your own successful career path.

I look forward to welcoming you to Hull York Medical School.

Professor Una Macleod, Dean, Hull York Medical School, and GP
YOUR EXPERIENCE HERE WILL ALLOW YOU TO EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS, AND STAND YOU IN GOOD STEAD FOR A LONG AND IMPACTFUL CAREER DELIVERING EXCEPTIONAL CARE.

Professor Una Macleod,
Dean, Hull York Medical School, and GP
When you choose to study at Hull York Medical School, you are choosing an undergraduate programme that is specifically designed to prepare you for real life as a junior doctor, and meet the challenges of 21st century healthcare. As Director of the Medicine programme, it is my job to ensure that you graduate with in-depth scientific knowledge, a sensitive understanding of people, and the ability to communicate effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Professor Lucy Ambrose, MB BS Programme Director, and GP

At Hull York Medical School, we offer two routes to becoming a doctor: our five-year Medicine degree; and our six-year Medicine with a Gateway Year degree (six and seven years, respectively, if you choose to intercalate – see p18). These flagship programmes combine patient-centred teaching, clinician-led problem-based learning, rigorous academic study and regular clinical experience to ensure you develop the skills you need to deliver outstanding evidence-informed care to your future patients. Details of entry requirements for each programme can be found on p28-29.

At the end of your studies on either the five- or six-year programme, you will be ready to enter the workforce as a junior doctor with an MB BS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) degree, awarded jointly by the Universities of Hull and York. More information about what happens after you graduate can be found on p35.

TWO UNIVERSITIES, TWICE THE EXPERTISE

Our unique university partnership means that during the first two years of the five-year programme you will be based at either the University of Hull or the University of York, before embarking on a series of clinical placements around the region from your third year onwards. Regardless of your initial location, you will follow the exact same curriculum, have access to the same facilities, expertise and placement opportunities, and graduate with the same degree qualification. Students on the Medicine with a Gateway Year programme will spend their first year based at the University of Hull. More information about campus allocation can be found on p24.
PHASE II, OR YEARS 3 AND 4
In Phase II, which is years three and four of the five-year Medicine programme, you will be fully immersed in a range of clinical placements across GP surgeries, community settings and hospitals. You will rotate through different specialisms and locations, developing your clinical, history-taking, examination and problem-solving skills with patients, under the supervision of dedicated clinical tutors.

Our placement sites are in Hull, York, Grimsby, Northallerton, Middlesbrough, Scarborough and Scunthorpe. You will continue to attend seminars, teaching sessions and clinical skills practicals at our dedicated teaching facilities within each hospital site. Our friendly student liaison teams are also based here, to ensure you receive support while on placement.

PHASE III, OR YEAR 5
In Phase III, which is the final year of the programme, your rotations will continue in primary and secondary care settings, where even more emphasis will be placed on you being a member of a multidisciplinary medical team, gaining experience of on-call and out-of-hours duties.

You will continue to benefit from teaching sessions and clinical skills practicals at our dedicated facilities within each hospital site. During the final year, you will also complete your elective (see p18) and undertake an assistantship, which will help you prepare for your role as a junior doctor.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMME
CLICK HERE
EARLY AND SUSTAINED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

A BREADTH OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Our partnerships with NHS Trusts, community organisations and GP practices across the region enable us to provide placements in a wide range of locations, from busy urban GP practices and major trauma centres serving densely populated areas, to mental healthcare providers, and rural and coastal community services.

STUDYING WITH US

As a student at Hull York Medical School you will benefit from strong local partnerships, which allow you to experience a breadth of clinical placements over the course of your studies. As Clinical Dean in York, it is my job to oversee the delivery of Hull York Medical School’s training at our hospital sites in York and Scarborough, while my counterparts in Hull, South Tees and North Lincolnshire oversee hospital teaching in those locations. I am passionate about the future of medicine in our region, and really enjoy meeting and encouraging the medical workforce of the future.

Professor Vijay Jayagopal, Clinical Dean, York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Consultant Physician and Regional Advisor for Diabetes to the Royal College of Physicians

HOW CLINICAL PLACEMENTS WORK

MEDICINE WITH A GATEWAY YEAR

Placements in the Gateway year for students on the six-year programme take place throughout the three terms, and allow you to spend time with healthcare professionals in clinical settings. After successfully completing the Gateway year, you will progress into Phase I (see below).

MEDICINE: PHASE I (YEARS 1-2)

Starting in the third week of the five-year Medicine programme, you will attend clinical placements every week.

Your placements will help you put into context what you have learned in your other studies – your problem-based learning and anatomy sessions, lectures, workshops and clinical and communication skills classes.

In your first two years you will attend placements in or around your home campus city – the University of Hull or the University of York.

In Phase I, you will put your learning into practice, interacting with patients to develop your clinical and communication skills.

MEDICINE: PHASE II AND III (YEARS 3-5)

From your third year onwards, you will experience placements across our region, practising your examination, history-taking and problem-solving skills with real patients before ultimately becoming a junior member of a multidisciplinary medical team in your final year.

We provide placements at both hospital and community-based locations, including:

• Community placements at over 100 GP practices and providers of mental health, dermatology, sexual health, women’s health or paediatrics services

And hospital placements at:

• Hull Royal Infirmary (Hull)
• Castle Hill Hospital (Hull)
• York Hospital (York)
• Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital (Grimsby)
• Scunthorpe General Hospital (Scunthorpe)
• Scarborough Hospital (Scarborough)
• The Friarage Hospital (Northallerton)
• James Cook University Hospital (Middlesbrough)

We regularly review our placement offering to ensure you get the very best clinical experience across our region, and so it is possible that changes to the way we deliver placements may become necessary in future years. Should this occur, we will ensure you are kept fully informed.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

CLICK HERE
More than 90% of a patient’s direct experience of the NHS is through primary care*, which includes care for patients with some of the most complex health problems our health system manages. Training more doctors with primary care expertise is an NHS priority, which is why we do a relatively high proportion of teaching in a primary care setting.

Dr Howard Skinner,
Director of Primary Care Education, and GP

Please note that you will not be required to commute regularly between our main locations. Currently, students in Years 1-2 of the Medicine programme attend placements in or around their home campus city. For the remainder of the Medicine programme, you will be on clinical placement, rotating around our clinical sites. More information about accommodation while on placement can be found on p24.

Distances according to Google maps. Train journey times taken from thetrainline.com, December 2022.

STUDYING WITH US

Your PBL group will consist of approximately **10 students and one tutor**, working together for the full academic year.

Each week your group will be set **one or two scenarios** of patients presenting problems.

**Group discussion** allows you to explore the social, psychological and ethical issues surrounding a case, which can be more difficult to uncover through lectures alone.

Your PBL group is facilitated by a tutor who is an **experienced clinician**.

All of our PBL tutors have a passion for education and a wealth of **real-world experience** to draw from.

Your lectures, clinical placements, and anatomy and skills sessions will **all relate to that week’s PBL scenario**.

Your tutor will guide your learning while also providing **pastoral care and support**.

Through PBL you form strong relationships, learn how to **communicate effectively** in a group and work as part of a team to **tackle and solve problems**.

At the end of the week you’ll **reconvene and review** your learning.

Your tutor will ensure you meet the **required learning outcomes**.

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**We believe that possessing strong communication and problem-solving skills is essential to delivering successful patient-centred care and interacting effectively with multidisciplinary healthcare colleagues. That is why we place problem-based learning and communication at the heart of our curriculum. Clinical reasoning, critical thinking and ongoing self-directed learning skills are crucial to your success as a doctor, all of which our problem-based learning helps you to develop.**

**Dr Marie Cohen**
Director of Problem-Based Learning, GP and Macmillan GP Facilitator

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**PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING**

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COLLABORATION AND TEAMWORK ARE THE BEATING HEART OF MEDICINE, AND PBL ENSURES DEVELOPMENT OF THESE KEY SKILLS. THE FEELING WHEN YOU ALL PIECE TOGETHER A CASE IS AMAZING, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM THOSE AROUND YOU IS INVALUABLE.

Emma Hitchcock, Year 3
Our curriculum has been designed to ensure you develop a wide range of skills that you will use in patient consultations throughout your career, from physical and mental state examination, to history-taking, clinical reasoning and communication. From the first few weeks at Hull York Medical School, you will begin to develop your professional communication skills and will have the opportunity to practise these when on clinical placement. Clinicians often comment on our graduates’ excellent communication skills, which equip them for work in the busy NHS environment.

Dr Anna Hammond, Director of Communication Skills Teaching, and GP

During the first two years of the five-year Medicine programme, you will attend clinical and communication skills sessions twice per week. These sessions consolidate what you learn in PBL, and link with your experiences on placement.

In peer physical examination, you will practise your examination skills under the direction of an experienced clinical tutor. During these small group sessions, you will examine and be examined by your fellow students, giving and receiving feedback in a supportive, safe and professional environment. This approach allows you to develop the skills you need to confidently carry out physical examinations of real patients.

Peer physical examinations are non-invasive, and students find they are an effective way to learn and develop clinical and communication skills. Having your peers practise on you also allows you to understand and empathise with the patient’s perspective more deeply.

In simulated patient interactions, you will observe as your peers undertake consultations with highly trained actors in real time, providing detailed, descriptive and non-judgemental feedback, so you can learn from each other and perfect your consultation skills. Within your Year 2 clinical skills curriculum you will attend specific sessions helping you begin to develop your clinical reasoning skills – thinking about the cause for a particular patient’s symptoms.
Understanding the structure and function of the human body is essential to being a great doctor. Under the guidance of our expert anatomists, you will develop the in-depth understanding of clinical anatomy needed to deliver exceptional healthcare. Everything you learn in your anatomy sessions will be applicable to the care of patients.

You will build your knowledge of clinical anatomy using an academically rigorous combination of prosections, medical imaging, computer-based anatomy programmes, cadaveric videos, anatomical models and cutting-edge techniques in living anatomy developed by our own researchers. We teach anatomy using prosections, which are anatomical specimens that have been dissected by our expert anatomists to display and demonstrate specific structures, relationships, systems and regions. We use a range of preservation techniques, including Formalin embalming, Thiel embalming and plastination, to ensure that you get the most out of learning anatomy from human specimens.

If you are interested in dissection, you will have the opportunity to carry out a detailed dissection of a region of the body and to study anatomy in depth within a clinical context as part of the Scholarship and Special Interest Programme, or in the elective period in Year 5 (see p18). Alternatively you can undertake whole body dissection as part of our suite of intercalated MSc programmes (in Clinical Anatomy, or Clinical Anatomy and Education).

I LOVE THAT WE ARE PROVIDED WITH PROSECTIONS BECAUSE THIS ENSURES THAT WE GET THE MOST FROM OUR TIME IN THE ANATOMY LAB AND ARE LEARNING THE CONTENT WE NEED TO KNOW. SEEING THE PROSECTIONS BEFOREHAND ALLOWS ME TO UNDERSTAND LECTURE CONTENT BETTER.

Sarah Mahmood, Year 2
It’s the job of our Phase I team to ensure you have as fulfilling and stimulating an experience as possible during your early years at Hull York Medical School, and to help you navigate any problems or concerns as you settle into the programme.

MEDICINE WITH A GATEWAY YEAR PROGRAMME

On the Medicine with a Gateway Year programme, your teaching will be divided into six modules: Human Biology I and II; Clinical Skills; Health and Society; Professionalism and Ethics; and Medical Scholarship. You will learn through a combination of hands-on learning opportunities in our anatomy labs, lectures, small group sessions, and clinical placement experiences.

GATEWAY YEAR EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

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The above timetable is for illustrative purposes only, and may differ from your final timetable. Your timetable will change each term to reflect the focus of that term’s teaching.
MEDICINE PROGRAMME

As a student on our five-year Medicine programme, your studies in the first two years will revolve around your weekly problem-based learning sessions. Each week, all the PBL groups in your year will be working on the same cases. With guidance from your tutor, you’ll discuss an example patient case study. Learn more about PBL on p12.

YEAR 1 EXAMPLE TIMETABLE

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ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

We are committed to supporting you to achieve your potential, providing many opportunities to receive constructive feedback, and monitor your progress. Our assessments ensure you develop the skills needed to practise medicine safely and confidently. We use many different types of assessment, including formative assessments, which provide feedback on how you are performing, and summative assessments, which are used to determine progression.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

EARLY CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IS SO HELPFUL BECAUSE THE EARLIER WE GET TO INTERACT WITH PATIENTS, THE BETTER WE BECOME. PLACEMENTS ARE A GREAT WAY TO APPLY THE CONCEPTS DELIVERED IN LECTURES, AND HAVE HELPED ME BUILD IMPORTANT SKILLS SUCH AS EMPATHY AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.

Antara Priyadarshini, Year 2
TAILORING YOUR STUDIES

Being a successful doctor requires you to draw from a wide range of academic and life experiences, so we encourage you to pursue areas of specialised knowledge outside the core curriculum – tailoring the programme to suit your interests and career aspirations. Opportunities may vary from year to year.

OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CURRICULUM

Scholarship and Special Interest Programme
Our Scholarship and Special Interest Programme (SSIP) gives you the opportunity within the medical curriculum to concentrate on subjects that particularly interest you, and study them in depth.

Working with our expert tutors, you will undertake small-scale projects, and acquire research skills to help you develop as an independent scholar. Many of our students have gone on to present their work at national or international conferences as well as publishing their work in high impact scientific journals.

From understanding neuroscience, to tackling health inequalities and researching global public health, you will have the opportunity to choose subjects that inspire and excite you. Your SSIP will also allow you to explore areas that might be related to your career goals or aspirations.

Visit our website to find out more about the SSIP

Electives
One of the most exciting parts of your time at medical school is your elective. You will carry out a six-week elective at the beginning of your final year when you’ll have the chance to travel abroad* or work in a specialist service in the UK.

Students find their electives a hugely educational, enjoyable and rewarding experience. You will gain invaluable clinical experience in locations where you can help make a difference.

As a medical student you are responsible for selecting and funding your own elective. Costs will vary depending on the elective you choose, and whether this is overseas or in the UK.

Visit our website to find out more about electives

Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship
Our Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) is an innovative, year-long clinical placement opportunity, replacing one of the standard Phase II years, that allows some students to be immersed in the whole patient journey; following the same patients over time in varied clinical settings, as they navigate different aspects of their care. This is delivered as part of our dedicated Academy of Primary Care, which provides a range of research-led opportunities to develop your skills and knowledge, including independent research projects, mentorship with academic GPs, dedicated master classes and seminars, and access to specialist conferences.

Visit our website to find out more about the LIC and our Primary Care expertise

*Subject to international and national travel restrictions. Please be aware that your elective plans can be affected by global and national events.
OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

Research opportunities
Hull York Medical School is part of the prestigious national INSPIRE programme, coordinated by the Academy of Medical Sciences and funded by the Wellcome Trust to encourage medical students to get involved in research. We have received funding since 2014 to sponsor research activities including student projects, workshops, and support for application to the Academic Foundation Programme. We have a very active student research community, so if you have an interest in research, this is a great way to get involved.

Intercalation
Intercalation is an opportunity for you to take time out from your Medicine degree, and study for an additional degree. This may be a specially designed intercalated Bachelors (BSc), Masters (MSc) or PhD programme, depending on your interests. Intercalation offers a unique opportunity to explore new subject areas or the chance to enhance existing skills.

While intercalation is not compulsory at Hull York Medical School, we do encourage you to consider this opportunity, and offer a number of degree options both within the Medical School and at the Universities of Hull and York, including Masters degrees in Clinical Anatomy, Health Professions Education, Pharmacology and Drug Development, and Public Health.

We have also developed a website intercalate.co.uk for students thinking about intercalation, listing all the intercalation options available to medical students in the UK.

Visit our website to learn more about intercalation

Dr Elle Morris, Foundation Year 2 Junior Doctor, Class of 2022
A SUPPORT NETWORK TO HELP YOU SUCCEED

Training to be a doctor is exciting and rewarding. We hope that all students complete the course without any problems, but if you encounter difficulties along the way we have a dedicated team to help support you to reach your potential. We work closely with both our universities to make sure you get the most out of your time at medical school, and work in partnership with you to support you through your studies. We also follow the GMC’s ‘Welcomed and Valued’ guidance, to ensure we support disabled learners in medical education and training, working with you from before you arrive to make sure you have access to the necessary support when you start.

Dr Alison Blakeborough, Director of Student Support

HULL YORK MEDICAL SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM

Our dedicated Student Support team has support staff based at both our Hull and York campuses, and is available to offer help and advice throughout your studies, in addition to services provided by the two universities. The team, which includes a dedicated Student Life and Wellbeing Officer and Open Door Mental Health Practitioner, is there to help if you have any confidential non-academic queries or concerns, and will signpost you to more specific support services if required.

STUDENT LIAISON TEAMS AT CLINICAL PLACEMENT SITES

Our hospital sites in Hull, York, Scarborough, Scunthorpe, Middlesbrough, Northallerton and Grimsby each have a dedicated Student Liaison team, who can provide help and support while you are on placement there. These teams are highly valued by our students and they are able to offer advice about getting the most from studying and living in the local area.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

In addition to our dedicated Student Support team, you will also have access to support services at the University of Hull and the University of York. Both universities offer a wide range of health and wellbeing support and advice, including mental health, disability support and assessments for adjustments, financial assistance or advice, and learning support.

YOUR TUTORS

Our problem-based learning and clinical skills tutors are motivated and enthusiastic professionals and experienced clinicians. They recognise the unique challenges faced by medical students, and are committed to supporting you in becoming a successful healthcare professional, providing pastoral support while also facilitating your learning. Each phase of the programme also has a dedicated Academic Phase Lead, who is there to offer support and guidance.

STUDENTS’ UNION AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The students’ unions at both the University of Hull and the University of York have a range of advice and support functions covering accommodation, finance, advocacy and more. Medicine student representatives also sit on the Student Staff Committee and School Management Board, working to support the School in improving our students’ experience.
EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

We are committed to providing an inclusive and supportive environment that celebrates diversity. Our EDI Committee works with staff and student representatives from a wide range of backgrounds to ensure that our teaching and assessment materials are representative and inclusive, and that our curriculum appropriately addresses factors that drive inequalities. Our staff and student EDI Champions for Gender; Race and Ethnicity; Disability; and LGBTQ+ issues, promote awareness of equality, diversity and inclusion in the day-to-day operation of the School.

Our student support services provide a safe space to offer guidance and support, while our curriculum ensures students have the skills and confidence to raise concerns, challenge inappropriate behaviours and advocate for their patients and colleagues. We are a proud member of the BMA racial harassment charter for medical schools and the UK Medical Schools Charter against So-Called LGBTQ+ ‘Conversion Therapy’, as well as holders of a Silver Athena Swan Award for commitment to gender equality in science, technology, engineering, maths and medicine (STEMM).
A TALE OF TWO CITIES

From the bustling cobbled streets and magnificent Minster of York, to Hull’s picturesque marina and buzzing student quarter, our two home cities are eclectic, friendly and ever-evolving.

LIVING AND STUDYING IN HULL AND YORK

If you are a student on the five-year Medicine programme, you will be allocated to Hull or York as your home campus when you receive your offer to study with us. Your home campus will be allocated at random, unless you meet certain limited criteria (see our website for more about campus allocation), and you will be based there for your first two years of study.

If you are a student on the six-year Medicine with a Gateway Year programme, you will spend the initial gateway year based at the University of Hull campus, after which you can choose whether to remain at Hull or transfer to the University of York for Phase I of the Medicine programme.

Regardless of your location, you will follow exactly the same curriculum, have access to the same facilities, and obtain the same level of outstanding teaching as your peers at the other campus. From the third year of the Medicine programme onwards, you will spend most of your time on clinical placement at hospital sites and GP practices within the region (see p10), alongside students who spent their first two years at both university campuses.

CITY EXPERIENCE

York is a city of contrasts. Hull is like nowhere else. Together, we’ve got some of the biggest attractions in the North of England. But it’s the quirks, the culture, the hidden gems waiting around every corner – they’re the reason students fall in love with us.

Free museums, eclectic galleries, trendy bars, friendly pubs, famous nightclubs, heart-racing sport, hair-raising shows, foodie haunts, bohemian cafés... There’s always something to do and somewhere to go in Hull and York. So much so, you’ll do well to tick everything off in your years here. Both cities are well-connected, with convenient rail links to London, Edinburgh and Manchester (see p11), and easy access to the natural beauty of the Yorkshire countryside and coast.

Discover more via the University of York website
Discover more via the University of Hull website

CAMPUS LIFE

Whichever home university you are allocated, you will become part of a welcoming and diverse student community, with both institutions offering a unique and memorable learning environment – from the beautiful landscaping and red-brick buildings at Hull to the lakeside setting and vibrant college system at York. Both campuses offer an abundance of cafés, restaurants, outdoor spaces and sports facilities, and plenty of opportunities to meet people, have fun, dust off old skills and develop new ones. With medical-specific societies ranging from Wilderness Medicine to the Teddy Bear Hospital, and dozens of clubs available for you to join as a member of the University of Hull or York Students’ Union, you’ll never be short of something to do. Hull and York MedSoc are the two leading societies for Medicine students; whether it’s a charity fundraiser, barbecue, formal ball or quiz night, they will ensure there’s lots for you to get involved in.

The college system at York instantly invites you into a smaller community within the University: as you set off into Freshers’ Week, screaming your college chant like a battle cry, you quickly identify your college family members in the crowds! College sports are also a great chance to get involved in a more social sporting activity too.

Debbie Allen, Year 5

Being a Hull-based student meant that I could study at a great campus, within a city that was really cheap to live in! You’re never far from your friends, or the library, and Hull’s many pubs, clubs and restaurants gave me loads of places to explore and enjoy.

Dominic Treloar, Year 4
Throughout your time as a Hull York Medical School student, you will live both on campus and, from Year 3 of the Medicine programme onwards, mainly off-site at your placement locations.

STARTING OUT: THE INITIAL YEARS

If you are a student on the six-year Medicine with a Gateway Year programme, you will spend the initial gateway year based at the University of Hull, after which you can choose whether to remain at Hull or transfer to the University of York for Phase I (years 1 and 2) of the Medicine programme.

If you are a student on the five-year Medicine programme, your home campus for Phase I will be allocated at random, unless you meet certain limited criteria (visit our website for more about campus allocation).

Both universities offer a variety of modern, comfortable accommodation at prices to suit all budgets. Provided you apply by the relevant university’s deadline and meet any additional conditions they have, you are guaranteed a room in accommodation that is owned, managed or approved by the University of Hull or York.

In Hull, this will be within our well-appointed on-campus accommodation, which includes a variety of options from shared campus houses to apartments. In York, you will become a member of one of the University’s undergraduate colleges, which provide a sense of inclusivity and community. Whichever style of accommodation you opt for, you can be sure of a friendly welcome, an excellent support network, and access to a range of social activities during welcome week and beyond.

YEARS 3 TO 5

For the remainder of the Medicine programme, you will be on clinical placement, rotating around our clinical sites (see p10). Accommodation costs may apply for some placement locations in years 3 to 5, but students will not be expected to maintain two sets of accommodation at the same time.
WHAT WILL IT COST?*

**HULL:**
£148.50-£238.55 per week*
for self-catered on-campus accommodation

**YORK:**
£99 to £212 per week*
for a self-catered room in a University college, or
£142 to £223 per week*
for a catered room in a University college

*The prices quoted are for the 2023/24 academic year; prices for the 2024/25 academic year may vary. For the latest information visit the University of Hull website or the University of York website.
APPLYING TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

At Hull York Medical School, we believe that the medical profession should better represent the UK population and society we live in, including under-represented groups. This is to provide the best possible care to all patients. We therefore place as much importance on your personal attributes and values as we do on your academic accomplishments. If you’ve always dreamed of becoming a doctor but worry that Medicine is out of your reach, think again – you may be just who we are looking for!

WHO MAKES A GOOD DOCTOR?
If you enjoy problem-solving, are good with people, and have a passion for healthcare, a career in medicine could be for you. We believe it is your achievements and personality, and not your background, that should dictate whether you can become a doctor, so possessing a strong desire to make a difference is a great place to start.

You can read the full entry and grade requirements for both our five- and six-year programmes on p28-29.

DIVERSITY AND WIDENING ACCESS
There are many factors which can impact students’ success in securing a place to study medicine – from academic entry requirements to social or personal circumstances. We are therefore committed to raising aspirations and widening access to Medicine for those from under-represented backgrounds, and selecting the best applicants based on their potential. One way in which we achieve this is by using contextual information alongside your UCAS application to better inform our decision-making. Due to the availability and comparability of data, the use of contextual information applies to UK school leaver applicants only.

More information about how we use contextual data.

PATHWAYS TO MEDICINE
Our flagship Pathways to Medicine programme, funded by The Sutton Trust, supports talented Year 12 students who wish to study Medicine, providing an insight into the medical professions, and support through the application and selection process.

More information about Pathways to Medicine

We also offer a range of activities for schools and colleges for Year 7 upwards, ranging from discovery days and talks to summer schools and mock interviews. For more information, take a look at our dedicated web page for schools and colleges

HEALTH AND DISABILITY
We welcome an application from you if you have a disability or long-term health condition. We believe that you can make an invaluable contribution to patient care, and we’re committed to supporting and advising you in the application process. We support students with disabilities and health conditions using the General Medical Council’s ‘Welcomed and Valued’ guidance. More detailed information, including details of the practical and financial support available, is available on our website.

DBS CHECKS
Applicants are responsible for disclosing any non ‘protected’ prior convictions, cautions, reprimands, final warnings, police and fixed penalty notices, pending matters and charges including proceedings before a Criminal Court or Tribunal or matters subject to bail by either the police or a court.

These disclosures should be made by writing directly to the Director of Admissions when you apply.

Applicants are also responsible for disclosing any non ‘protected’ prior convictions, cautions, reprimands, or final warnings in their UCAS application.

In accordance with General Medical Council guidelines, we also require an enhanced DBS check on entry to our Medicine programmes course for any Home (UK) student, or any student who has lived in the UK. International students are required to submit an equivalent police check from the relevant authorities in their home country as part of the admissions process. More information about DBS checks

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ADMISSIONS AND OFFERS
PLANNING YOUR APPLICATION

If you’re not sure where to start with your application, be sure to take a look at our handy online guide to the entire process. From advice on gaining the right kind of work experience, to taking the UCAT aptitude test, we have highlighted everything you need to know, step-by-step (just follow the link on the right).

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

All candidates who firmly accept an offer from us will be sent an occupational health assessment form which includes health screening and immunisation history, in June of the year they are due to start studying with us. This must be completed and returned before taking up your place with us. More information about occupational health.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

We know that applying to medical school can appear complicated and daunting, which is why our friendly and knowledgeable admissions team is on hand to answer your questions, and offer timely, jargon-free guidance and support where possible. If you would like to talk to us in confidence about your circumstances, please don’t hesitate to get in touch via further.enquiries@hyms.ac.uk

THE APPLICATION JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- **SEPTEMBER:** UCAT closing date
- **OCTOBER:** UCAS closing date for Medicine applications (we are not able to accept late applications)
- **NOVEMBER ONWARDS:** UCAS applications processed and invitations to interview are sent
- **DECEMBER/JANUARY:** Interviews take place
- **FEBRUARY/MARCH:** Offers are sent

Please note that the above timeline is provided as a rough guide only. Timing is subject to change, and you should always check with the relevant organisations direct.
KEY FACTS:
MEDICINE WITH A GATEWAY YEAR (6 YEARS)

ADDitional eligibility criteria
As a Widening Participation initiative, the six-year Medicine with a Gateway Year programme prioritises applicants from the Hull York Medical School area.

All applicants must meet the following criteria:
- You should be aged 17 or over on 1 October in the year you start the programme
- You must be applying with no more than five academic years between completing compulsory pre-16 education and the start of the Medicine with a Gateway Year programme
- You should not have studied on another university Foundation or degree course
- You must be classified as having UK (home fee) status according to UKCISA guidance and be domiciled in the UK. Applications for this programme from outside the UK are not accepted
- You must not currently be studying at an Independent School, or have previously studied at an Independent School

In addition, you must fulfil one of the following:
- Be a care leaver or care experienced
- Hold Refugee Status
- Fulfil two of the following contextual data criteria:
  - Your home postcode is in an area of low participation. Your POLAR4 young participation quintile should be 1 or 2 to qualify, and you can check this via the Office for Students website.
  - Your parents don’t have any higher education qualifications
  - You applied for and received the UCAT Bursary
- Have certified completion of one of the following Widening Participation programmes within two years of application (applicants who are resitting Year 13 or who are applying from a single gap year are eligible under this criteria):
  - Hull York Medical School Pathways to Medicine programme
  - Realising Opportunities programme
  - University of York Black Access programme
  - University of York Next Step York programme
  - University of York YorWay programme
- Have certified completion of one of the following Widening Participation programmes in the year of application (applicants who are resitting Year 13 or who are applying from a single gap year are not eligible under this criteria):
  - Hull York Medical School Year 12 Summer School/Residential
  - York Experience Summer School

PROGRAMME INTAKE  30 PLACES

UCAS INSTITUTION CODE  H75
All applicants must apply by 15 October in the calendar year prior to entry.

UCAS COURSE CODE  A108

If you have any queries, please contact us at further.enquiries@hyms.ac.uk

For full requirements visit our website
**KEY FACTS:**
**MEDICINE (5 YEARS)**

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**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**

**UCAT**
Situational Judgement Test band of 1, 2 or 3. The UCAT must be taken in the calendar year of application.

**A LEVELS**
AAA Applicants are required to be studying or to have taken three A Level subjects concurrently including Biology and Chemistry and any third subject (excluding General Studies, Critical Thinking, Citizenship and Applied Science). Applicants applying with predicted grades should have a prediction of AAB or above. Applicants who are repeating Year 13 or repeating their A levels must have achieved a minimum score of BBB in all three A Levels in their initial sitting. We are unable to accept equivalence. EPQ, Contextual and Alternative offers are available to eligible students see p32.

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE**
36 points with 6, 6, 5 in three Higher-Level subjects, inc Biology and Chemistry.

**GCSEs**
Applicants must have achieved 6 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grade 9/A* - 4/C by the time of application, and must have achieved, or be working towards, grade 6/B in GCSE English Language and Maths (or equivalent). GCSE resits are accepted.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**
IELTS score of 7.5 with a minimum of 7.0 in every component, obtained within the last two years. For details of alternative English language qualifications, [for full requirements visit our website](#)

**GRADUATES**
At least 2:1 in a relevant Bioscience degree, and BBB at your first sitting of A Levels.

[For full requirements visit our website](#)
Fairness and transparency are of utmost importance when selecting applicants, and we aim to share as much information as possible about our selection policy. You can be reassured that we value each application, and will provide support wherever we can. My team and I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming open day, and answering any questions you may have.

Dr Veronica McKay, Director of Admissions, and GP

### OUR SELECTION PROCEDURE

**SELECTION FOR INTERVIEW**

Applicants meeting our minimum academic requirements are ranked for interview based on the following factors:

- UCAT decile (40 points)
- UCAT Situational Judgement Test (15 points)
- Top 6 GCSE results (five-year Medicine programme) or Top 5 GCSE results (six-year Medicine with a Gateway Year programme) (30 points)
- Contextual data (up to 15 points).

We do not score your personal statement; however, it is an important part of your application to Hull York Medical School as it allows you to talk about your interests, achievements and ambitions.

We do read all personal statements, and reserve the right to take them into consideration in selection decisions. We carefully examine all the information submitted on the UCAS form at the point of application, when making decisions about candidates who are borderline at the selection for interview or selection for offer stage.

If you are invited for interview, your statement is likely to prove useful preparation for interview questions. It is important that your statement is honest and accurate; we may check the claims that you make on your statement, and discovery of fabricated or exaggerated material may lead to the withdrawal of a future offer of a place.

Applications are given full consideration irrespective of the applicant’s age, race, colour, nationality, ethnic origin, religious beliefs, disability, HIV status, sexual orientation, gender, marital or parental status, or social or economic status.
We run Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs), where applicants rotate around a series of short stations. In the MMIs, we want to find out more about you, your personal characteristics and values, and your ability to think critically and work as a team. You won’t be tested on your medical knowledge.

We understand that you may feel nervous about interviews, but we do encourage you to relax, be yourself and enjoy your day with us. The interviews help us to find out more about you. They also provide you with the opportunity to meet current students and find out more about what it’s like to study with us.

Candidates are ranked following interview, and offers are issued soon after.

The exact interview structure may vary from year to year, or be adapted to enable online delivery if required.
We combine your overall interview score with additional points allocated for your UCAT Situational Judgement Test band and your contextual data. We then rank applicants and make offers once all interviews are completed.

Based on your application, circumstances and interview performance, we could issue one of the following types of offers.

### STANDARD OFFERS

#### AAA

**MEDICINE: STANDARD OFFER**

Our standard offer for the five-year Medicine programme is AAA at A Level or 36 in the International Baccalaureate (with 6,6,5 at Higher Level, to include Biology and Chemistry at 6).

### ALTERNATIVE AND CONTEXTUAL OFFERS

#### AAB+A IN EPQ

**MEDICINE: EPQ OFFER**

If you are taking the EPQ alongside your A Levels and make Hull York Medical School your firm choice, we may make a reduced offer of AAB (with A grades in Biology and Chemistry), plus an A in the EPQ. This offer is not available to candidates who are resitting their A Levels.

#### ABB

**MEDICINE: ALTERNATIVE OFFER**

If you complete one of our recognised widening participation programmes, and make Hull York Medical School your firm choice, we may make a reduced offer of ABB at A Level. Visit our website for more information about which programmes we recognise.

#### AAB

**MEDICINE: CONTEXTUAL OFFER**

If you meet our contextual data criteria and make Hull York Medical School your firm choice, we may make a reduced offer of AAB at A Level. Visit our website to learn more about our contextual criteria.

### STANDARD OFFERS

#### BBC

**MEDICINE WITH A GATEWAY YEAR: STANDARD OFFER**

Our standard offer for the Medicine with a Gateway Year programme is BBC at A Level (with B in Biology and Chemistry) or 29 in the International Baccalaureate, assuming the relevant eligibility criteria have been met (see page 28).
FEES AND FUNDING

HOME (UK) STUDENTS
The current tuition fee for 2023/24 entry on both the five-year Medicine and six-year Medicine with a Gateway Year programmes is £9,250 per year for UK (home) students. Fees for 2024/25 are subject to increase in line with government policy, and further increases within the government fee cap will apply in subsequent academic years. Check our fees and funding web page for the latest information.

INTERNATIONAL AND EU STUDENTS
Current international fees for the 2023/24 academic year are £39,900 per year, with annual increases capped at a maximum of 2%. The 2024/25 fees are yet to be confirmed, but will be published on our website when available.

ADDITIONAL COSTS
You will need to buy a stethoscope, which typically costs around £85. There can be costs for travel, parking, accommodation and living expenses when on clinical placement. These costs will vary, depending on where you go, and travel contribution schemes and bursaries are available to support you.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

TUITION FEE LOAN
During your first four years of study, students who have not already studied at degree level may receive a Tuition Fee Loan from Student Finance England. If you are from Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Guernsey, Jersey or the Isle of Man you will need to apply to the funding body in your home region/country for your student finance, and their arrangements may differ.

The Tuition Fee Loan is paid directly to the University on your behalf. It covers the cost of your tuition fees in full. You start paying this back after you have left university and are earning over £25,000.

NHS FUNDING
If you are from England or Wales, in the fifth year of the Medicine programme, or fifth and sixth years of the Medicine with a Gateway Year programme, you will be eligible for NHS funding providing you were living in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for at least three years before the start of the course. NHS funding does not have to be repaid.

Please see the NHS Student Bursaries and Student Finance NHS bursaries websites for more information.

MAINTENANCE LOAN
The Maintenance Loan (UK students only) helps towards your living costs. The amount you receive depends on your household income, and may vary over the course of the programme. Like the Tuition Fee Loan, you will start paying this back after you have left university and are earning over £25,000.

Student Finance England’s calculator helps you determine how much Maintenance Loan you are eligible to receive.

INTERNATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP
Each year we award up to four international excellence scholarships based on academic merit and financial need. Please check our website for the latest information.

DISABLED STUDENTS
Students with a disability can apply for Disabled Students’ Allowances to cover any additional costs incurred because of their disability.

STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN
Students with children may be eligible for the Parents’ Learning Allowance and a Childcare Grant.

GRADUATES
If you have already completed an undergraduate degree you won’t be entitled to a Tuition Fee Loan, but may still be eligible for the Maintenance Loan and Hull York Medical School Bursary. Any previous study at degree level will impact the funding you can receive, even if you did not finish your degree. You will still receive NHS funding in your final year if you are eligible.

HULL YORK MEDICAL SCHOOL BURSARY
UK students starting in 2023 with a residual household income of £25,000 or less may receive the Hull York Medical School Bursary of £2,400 per year of study. This is awarded as an accommodation discount, or a cash sum if you are not in university managed accommodation.

Details of the Bursary for 2024 entry are yet to be confirmed, but will be published on our website when available.

You do not need to apply for the bursary. When you complete your student finance application, simply tick the box giving your permission to share your information with the university.
LIFE AS A JUNIOR DOCTOR IS CHALLENGING, BUT THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS I DEVELOPED AT HULL YORK MEDICAL SCHOOL ENABLED ME TO MAKE A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO DELIVERING HIGH-QUALITY, PATIENT-CENTRED CARE.

Dr Christian Wake, 
Class of 2018
At the end of the Medicine or Medicine with a Gateway Year programme, you will graduate with an MB BS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) degree, awarded jointly by the Universities of Hull and York.

Graduation marks the end of one phase of your medical training and the beginning of another – Foundation Year 1 and Foundation Year 2 training.

**REGISTRATION**

After graduation, you are entitled to provisional registration with the UK General Medical Council, and are given a licence to practise medicine.

Your degree is a primary medical qualification (PMQ). Holding a PMQ entitles you to provisional registration with the General Medical Council, subject only to its acceptance that there are no Fitness to Practise concerns that need consideration. Provisional registration is time-limited to a maximum of three years and 30 days (1125 days in total). After this time period your provisional registration will normally expire.

**FOUNDATION PROGRAMME**

Medical school graduates continue to train for two years while working as junior doctors in the NHS, in Foundation Year 1 and Foundation Year 2 (FY1 and FY2) posts. This two-year foundation period forms a bridge for newly qualified doctors between medical school and specialist training. Trainees gain experience in a variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals and GP surgeries.

To obtain a Foundation Year 1 post you will need to apply during the final year of your undergraduate course through the UK Foundation Programme Office selection scheme, which allocates these posts to graduates on a competitive basis.

Successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 programme is normally achieved within 12 months and is marked by the award of a Certificate of Experience. You will then be eligible to apply for full registration with the General Medical Council. You need full registration with a licence to practise for unsupervised medical practice in the NHS or private practice in the UK.

**MEDICAL LICENSING ASSESSMENT**

The new Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA) introduced by the General Medical Council is incorporated into final year exams. Find out more about the MLA on the General Medical Council’s website (gmc-uk.org).

In North and East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire, Foundation training is coordinated by the East Yorkshire Locality Scheme, one of three Foundation Programmes within the broader Yorkshire and the Humber Foundation School.

We have close links with the Foundation School, as the majority of our graduating students choose to stay in the Yorkshire and Humber region to continue their training.
DISCOVER MORE AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

Visit hyms.ac.uk/opendays for the latest information, and to book your place.

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