



## GRADUATE ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR MSc in Biomedical Engineering FOR ENTRY IN 2012-13

### 1. Criteria

Within equal opportunities principles and legislation, applications will be assessed in the light of a candidate's ability to meet the following criteria:

### 2. Academic ability

#### ***Proven and potential academic excellence.***

Applicants are normally expected to be predicted or to have achieved a first-class undergraduate degree (or equivalent international qualifications<sup>1</sup>) in Engineering or a subject related to Biomedical Engineering (interpreted broadly).

For applicants with a degree from the USA, the minimum GPA we seek is 3.5 out of 4.0. The minimum Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score we seek is 750 (quantitative).

Appropriate indicators will include:

***Academic references/letters of recommendation***, which support intellectual ability, academic achievement, motivation, ability to work in a group.

***Research proposal or personal statement*** written in English. This will be assessed for: your reasons for applying; evidence of motivation for and understanding of the course; the ability to present a reasoned case in English. Your statement should focus on research rather than personal achievements, interests and aspirations. It should aim for brevity and no other written material (such as conference papers or technical reports) should be submitted.

***Performance at interview(s)*** Interviews may be held as part of the admissions process. These will be held by telephone for all candidates.

### 3. Other qualifications and experience

- Research or working experience in an area relevant to the proposed field of study may be an advantage.

### 4. Availability of supervision, teaching, facilities and places

The following factors will govern whether candidates can be offered places:

- The ability of the Department of Engineering Science to provide the appropriate supervision, research opportunities, teaching and facilities for your chosen area of work.
- There are minimum and maximum limits to the numbers of students who may be admitted onto Oxford's research and taught programmes.

<sup>1</sup> If you hold non-British qualifications, you are advised to check with the National Recognition Information Centre for the United Kingdom (UK NARIC) [www.naric.org.uk](http://www.naric.org.uk) how your qualifications match these requirements.



## 5. English language requirement

Applicants whose first language is not English are usually required to provide evidence of proficiency in English at the [higher level](#) required by the University.

## 6. Deadlines and required full set of application materials

Please refer to the Graduate Admissions website

[http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate\\_courses/apply/application\\_guide.html#awhen\\_to\\_apply](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/apply/application_guide.html#awhen_to_apply)

for information on the deadlines which must be met, and the full set of supporting materials required, in order for applications to be guaranteed to be considered.

**7. Whether you have yet secured funding** is not taken into consideration in the decision to make an initial offer a place, but please note that the initial offer of a place will not be confirmed until the college which gives you an initial offer of a place is satisfied that you have sufficient funding to cover your fees and living costs for the standard period of fee liability for your course.

## 8. Disability, health conditions and specific learning difficulties.

Students are selected for admission without regard to gender, marital or civil partnership status, disability, race, nationality, ethnic origin, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age or social background. Decisions on admission are based solely on the individual academic merits of each candidate and the application of the selection criteria appropriate to the programme of study. Further information on how these matters are supported during the admissions process is available here:

[http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate\\_courses/about\\_the\\_university/graduate\\_welfare/e\\_d.html](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/about_the_university/graduate_welfare/e_d.html)

## 9. Assessors

All applications will be assessed by at least one member of the academic staff with relevant experience and expertise.

## 10. Course webpage

[http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate\\_courses/course\\_guide/courses\\_az.html](http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/postgraduate_courses/course_guide/courses_az.html)