

## MSc Genes, Drugs and Stem Cells – Novel Therapies Scholarships:

### FAQs:

#### What should I write in my personal statement?

This is your opportunity to tell us about yourself and explain why you are an outstanding candidate for a scholarship. Tell us why you are interested in the subject for which you have applied.

Describe your academic and/or professional interests and reasons for applying to Imperial College London.

Outline the academic/professional trajectory you hope for in the future and explain why the course and the scholarship are important for this.

If applicable, please evidence contribution to widening participation / diversity within the student body.

Write an honest statement that gets across your true character and motivations rather than writing what you think the panel will want to hear.

#### I do not have a First-Class undergraduate degree - am I still eligible?

Candidates are expected to be able to provide evidence of outstanding academic ability. This will usually mean being among the highest achievers in their undergraduate cohort, and in receipt of, or due to receive a first-class UK Honours degree or equivalent.

An applicant who does not meet this requirement (e.g. holds a second class undergraduate degree, is a health professional who did not undertake a degree course, or is from a non-traditional background) will be considered if they are able to demonstrate that they have outstanding academic potential and substantial experience relevant to their chosen subject area. This should be included in the Personal Statement section of the application form.

#### I am in the final year of my undergraduate degree and have not yet received my final grade - can I still apply?

Yes - the application form allows you to specify if your degree has been awarded or if your grade is predicted. There is also space for you to outline all your module marks to date.

#### I already have a postgraduate degree; can I still apply for this scholarship?

Applicants who already hold postgraduate degrees will be considered, primarily if their chosen subject is sufficiently different from their existing degree. Please speak to the programme director or administrator of your chosen programme to discuss before applying.

#### Can I combine this scholarship with another scholarship or bursary from Imperial College London?

Imperial policy dictates that students can only hold multiple awards if one is for fees and the other is a stipend. As the Faculty of Medicine Master's Scholarships provide an award for fees, you would be permitted to also hold an award for a stipend.

Can I apply for other types of funding from Imperial College London while applying for this scholarship?

Yes. You are welcome to apply for other types of funding from Imperial while applying for a Faculty of Medicine Master's Scholarship. However, these scholarships cannot be combined with any other scholarship that covers fees. For further information on this, please see the question above.

What are A-Levels? What should I enter in this part of the application form?

A-Levels are the last set of qualifications which UK students achieve before going to university. They are typically used by UK universities to decide whether a student is accepted on to an undergraduate course.

For a point of reference, the US equivalent are APs. Please list your country's equivalent of these qualifications with the marks that you received for each subject.

Can I send you a transcript of my undergraduate subjects instead of entering them into the application form?

No, you must provide all of your subjects and grades on the form itself as this is a vital part of giving the selection panel the information that they need to make an informed decision about your application.

Do I need to send you my references?

No. We will use the references which are sent to the faculty as part of your programme application