

## 2026 Programme Limitations – Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (Programmes with 1 July application close date)

The Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences proposes the following maximum number of students in the following programmes in 2026 because of an insufficiency of specialist accommodation and/or staff to provide adequate teaching to all students expected to seek a place.

Note: A rationale must be provided for each proposed programme limit, for example:

- Limited specialist staffing: e.g. insufficient specialist disciplinary staff, limited practicum places available, limited staff available to supervise research projects
- Limited specialist accommodation: e.g. specific studio requirements can only accommodate xx students

### Section 1: Limitations

Programme	Category	Proposed limit 2026
Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours)  <a href="#">Selection criteria</a>  <a href="#">UTAS criteria</a>	Domestic (includes MAPAS, UTAS and Rural/Regional Admission Scheme numbers below)	38
	International	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>
	Rural/Regional Admission Scheme	5
	UTAS	
	MAPAS/UTAS (Māori & Pacific Admission Scheme)*	5
	Students with disabilities	1
	Students from refugee backgrounds	1
	Students from low socio-economic background	1
	<b>UTAS Total</b>	<b>8</b>
Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery Year 2  <a href="#">Selection criteria</a>  <a href="#">UTAS criteria</a>	Domestic (includes MAPAS, UTAS and Rural/Regional Admission Scheme numbers below)	317
	International	30
	<b>Total</b>	<b>347</b>
	Rural/Regional Admission Scheme	73
	UTAS	
	MAPAS/UTAS (Māori & Pacific Admission Scheme)*	127
	Students with disabilities	2
	Students from refugee backgrounds	1
	Students from low socio-economic background	6
	<b>UTAS Total</b>	<b>136</b>
Bachelor of Optometry	Domestic (includes MAPAS, UTAS and Rural/Regional Admission Scheme numbers below)	55

# Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences Programme Limits



**MEDICAL AND  
HEALTH SCIENCES**

Programme	Category	Proposed limit 2026
<a href="#">Selection criteria</a>  <a href="#">UTAS criteria</a>	International	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>
	Rural/Regional Admission Scheme	15
	<b>UTAS</b>	
	MAPAS/UTAS (Māori & Pacific Admission Scheme)*	12
	Students with disabilities	1
	Students from refugee backgrounds	1
	Students from low socio-economic background	2
	<b>UTAS Total</b>	<b>16</b>
Bachelor of Pharmacy  <a href="#">Selection criteria</a>  <a href="#">UTAS criteria</a>	Domestic (includes MAPAS, UTAS and Rural/Regional Admission Scheme numbers below)	100
	International	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>
	Rural/Regional Admission Scheme	25
	<b>UTAS</b>	
	MAPAS/UTAS (Māori & Pacific Admission Scheme)*	29
	Students with disabilities	1
	Students from refugee backgrounds	1
	Students from low socio-economic background	2
	<b>UTAS Total</b>	<b>33</b>
Master of Audiology <a href="#">Selection criteria</a>	Domestic	20
	International	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>
Master of Health Sciences (Nutrition and Dietetics) <a href="#">Selection criteria</a>	Domestic (includes MAPAS and UTAS numbers below)	36
	International	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

## Notes:

1. Year 1 places limited due to cap on high cost programmes specified in the Determination of Design of Funding Mechanism: Delivery at level 7 (degree) and above on the New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework (in line with Section 419 of the Education and Training Act).
2. Any places not allocated in a specific category may be reallocated to another category if there are suitable applicants.

\* The MAPAS/UTAS places include any Māori and Pacific students admitted to the relevant programme under the Māori and Pacific Admissions Scheme who would not have been eligible for a place were it not for the MAPAS admissions process.

\*\* 2025 admission indicative as at 07/03/2025

## Section 2: Selection criteria

The following criteria are proposed to be used by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences to select students into limited entry programmes in 2026.

### **Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours)**

Applications are accepted in three entry categories:

#### **A. Undergraduate, B. Graduate, C. International.**

Selection for all applicants is based on a combination of academic performance indicated by the applicant's GPA, with a minimum GPA of 5.0 required and an assessment of performance in a series of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI), and the applicant's performance in a Clinical Selection Test (if required).

Applicants will be required to complete a Clinical Selection test if the University is unable to offer in person examinations for any of the core Semester 1 courses under invigilated examination conditions in 2025. This Clinical Selection Test will incorporate the content of the core Semester 1 courses. If a Clinical Selection Test is required, then the results will form part of the selection criteria.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, applicants unable to attend their interview on the relevant date will not be considered further.

#### **A. Undergraduate**

Applicants must have completed or be enrolled in the courses outlined in Part I of the Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours) Schedule, or an equivalent programme of study on a fulltime basis, to be eligible for selection. This includes the following courses, or courses deemed by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences to be the equivalent: **BIOSCI 101, BIOSCI 106, BIOSCI 107, CHEM 110, MEDSCI 142, PHYSICS 160, POPLHLTH 111**. Applicants must also have successfully completed a General Education course as part of their Part I study (for students who completed the Part I courses prior to 2025) or have successfully completed a WTR course (for students completing the Part I courses in 2025) to be offered a place.

Applicants will be ranked for selection to attend the MMI interviews. The ranking will be based on a GPA calculated over the 7 courses in bold above (or their equivalents) and performance in a Clinical Selection test (if required). A minimum GPA of 5.0 is required to be eligible for MMI interview. If final grades are not available at the time of MMI interview ranking, an interim grade (highest possible) will be temporarily assigned. Official final results will be used for the final selection.

Applicants will be offered admission to the programme according to the rank order until the available places in the category are filled. Interviewed applicants' final ranking is based on a weighting of the following components:

- GPA for course (in bold): 50%
- Multi Mini Interview: 50% (a minimum threshold will apply, this will be determined by the Dean)

#### **B. Graduate**

Graduates with an appropriate degree with a GPA of 5.0 or above will be ranked by GPA for an interview place.

**NOTE:** Graduate applicants who are due to complete their degree in the year of application, must provide finalised results no later than 30 November in the year of application.

A rank order of undergraduate and graduate applicants based on their academic performance (based on GPA), performance in a Clinical Selection Test (if required), and interview performance will be established at a meeting of the Medical Imaging Admissions Subcommittee.

Places will be offered to the highest-ranking applicants.

#### **C. International applicant entry**

International applicants are eligible to apply in either the Undergraduate or Graduate entry categories. Graduate applicants are required to have an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher if they have not undertaken their prior tertiary studies in English.

### **UTAS – more details in [Section 3](#)**

#### **Māori and Pacific Admissions Scheme**

MAPAS places are reserved for applicants who have Indigenous Māori or Pacific ancestry as assessed by the MAPAS admissions process. Applicants who meet the academic requirements set out above and satisfy the MAPAS

Specialty Admission Interview requirements, based on their academic preparation, personal qualities and support systems will be offered a MAPAS place.

### Regional/Rural Admissions Scheme (RRAS)

Those applicants who are eligible to apply in the Undergraduate or Graduate entry categories, and who meet the eligibility criteria for the Regional/Rural Admissions Scheme may choose to be considered for this quota.

*In order to qualify as a regional/rural student, applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:*

1. Five years or more of primary education (Years 1-8) spent in a school within a regional/rural area, or
2. Three years or more of secondary education (Years 9-13) spent in a school within a regional/rural area

*The definitions of rural and regional are derived from the Statistics New Zealand 2020 Urban Accessibility classification:*

*Rural = Medium urban area, medium urban accessibility, low urban accessibility, remote, very remote*

*Regional = Large urban area, high urban accessibility*

A list of schools by classification will be published on the UoA website. The classification of the school at the time of application will be used to determine eligibility under RRAS.

### Application of Selection Criteria

The Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences will determine matters concerning the application of the selection criteria, including but not limited to the weighting of GPA, MMI, and the Clinical Selection Test (if required) in assessing the merit of applicants.

### Selection committee

School of Medical Sciences Admissions Sub Committee – Chair: Programme Director Medical Imaging, Two academic staff members and two practicing practitioners appointed by the Board of Studies, Associate Dean (Academic), Academic Services Manager, Director Vision 20:20.

## **Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

Applications are accepted in four entry categories:

- A. General Admission, B. UTAS (including Māori and Pacific, Disability, Low Socio-Economic and Refugee backgrounds), C. Regional/Rural and D. International.

Selection is based on a combination of:

- academic performance indicated by the applicant's GPA, and
- performance in a Clinical Selection Test (for Year 1 entry) (if required); and
- performance in the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT-ANZ) completed in the year of application, and
- an assessment of performance in a series of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI), or panel interview (International only), and
- any additional qualities required according to the applicant's entry category.

### NOTES:

- All applicants will be subject to Police Vetting and Vulnerable Children's Act Checks.
- Any UTAS places not filled will be reallocated to the General Admissions category.

### A. General Admission Entry Categories

#### Year 1 Entry

To qualify for consideration, applicants must be:

- Enrolled in Year 1 of the Bachelor of Health Sciences with the following courses: BIOSCI 107, CHEM 110, HLTHPSYC 122, MEDSCI 142, POPLHLTH 101, 102, 111 for 2026 entry with a GPA of 6.0 or higher, with no Fail grades  
or  
Enrolled in Year 1 of the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science with the following courses: BIOSCI 101, 106, 107, CHEM 110, MEDSCI 142, PHYSICS 160, POPLHLTH 111 for 2026 entry with a GPA of 6.0 or higher, with no Fail grades.

This study must have been completed in the year of application. Only the first attempt for these courses will be considered for admission in the Year 1 Entry category,

- All applicants must also pass the required WTR course specified for their programme (WTRMHS 100 for the BHSc and WTRSCI 100 for the BSc Biomed) in the year of application, prior to selection. Applicants with more than two aegrotat or compassionate consideration passes in Year 1 are not eligible for consideration under the Year 1 Entry category,
- completed the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT-ANZ) in the year of application,
- completed a Clinical Selection Test (which incorporates the core Semester 1 courses) (if required)

Applicants will be required to complete a Clinical Selection Test if the University is unable to offer in person examinations for the core Semester 1 courses under invigilated examination conditions in 2025. This Clinical Selection Test will incorporate the content of the core Semester 1 courses. If a Clinical Selection Test is required, then the results will form part of the selection criteria.

Interview places will be offered on the basis of a ranking calculated as follows:

For applicants from the BHSc, GPA from the following courses: BIOSCI 107, CHEM 110, HLTHPSYC 122, MEDSCI 142, POPLHLTH 101, 102, 111

For applicants from the BSc Biomed, GPA from the following courses: BIOSCI 101, 106, 107, CHEM 110, MEDSCI 142, PHYSICS 160, POPLHLTH 111

If a clinical selection test is required, then grades from that will also be used. If final grades are not available at the time of interview ranking, an interim grade (highest possible grade) will be temporarily assigned. Official final results will be used for final selection into the programme.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, applicants unable to attend their interview on the relevant date will not be considered further.

Following interview, eligibility is reconfirmed, taking into account the results from the whole academic year. A rank order of applicants (based on the grades achieved in the four common courses (BIOSCI 107, CHEM 110, MEDSCI 142, POPLHLTH 111), performance in the UCAT-ANZ test, and interview performance), is then established at a meeting of the Medical Admissions Subcommittee.

Places will be offered to the highest-ranking applicants until the limit is reached.

**NOTE:** Once accepted into the programme, applicants will not be permitted to defer their start/commencement date.

### Graduate Entry

Applicants in the Graduate category may apply once only for each qualification attained which meets entry requirements.

In order to be eligible for consideration, applicants must have:

- completed a degree, a postgraduate degree or a postgraduate diploma qualification, normally in the minimum academic time from a New Zealand university within the last five years with a GPA of 6.0 or higher, and
- completed the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT-ANZ) in the year of application.

Interview places will be offered on the basis of a ranking derived from the cumulative GPA from the qualifying programme. If final grades are not available at the time of interview ranking, an interim grade (highest possible grade) will be temporarily assigned. Official final results will be used for the final selection.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances applicants unable to attend their interview on the relevant date will not be considered further.

Following interview, a rank order of applicants based on their academic performance (the final grades achieved in the qualifying programme), performance in the UCAT-ANZ test and interview performance is established at a meeting of the Medical Admissions Subcommittee.

Places will be offered to the highest-ranking applicants until the limit is reached.

**NOTE:** Graduate applicants who are due to complete their degree in the year of application, must provide finalised results no later than 30 November in the year of application.

Applicants (domestic or international) who have received a conditional offer of a place for 2026 entry, in either the Year 1 or Graduate entry category, that specifies the completion of any of the core courses of CHEM 110, BIOSCI 107 or POPLHLTH 111 will be required to complete the Clinical Selection Test for that course/s if the University is unable to offer an in-person examination of that course under invigilated examination conditions in 2025.

### UTAS – more details in [Section 3](#)

#### B. Māori and Pacific Admissions Scheme (MAPAS)

Those applicants who have Indigenous Māori or Pacific ancestry as assessed by the MAPAS admissions process may choose to be considered for this equity admission pathway.

#### Year 1 Entry (MAPAS)

To qualify for consideration for entry to MBChB in 2026, MAPAS applicants must:

- be enrolled in Year 1 of the Bachelor of Health Sciences with the following courses: BIOSCI 107, CHEM 110, HLTHPSYC 122, MEDSCI 142, POPLHLTH 101, 102, 111
- or be enrolled in Year 1 of the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science with the following courses: BIOSCI 101, 106, 107, CHEM 110, MEDSCI 142, PHYSICS 160, POPLHLTH 111 for 2026 entry with no Fail grades.
- pass the required WTR course specified for their programme (WTRMHS 100 for the BHSc and WTRSCI 100 for the BSc Biomed). This study must have been completed in the year of application. Only the first attempt for these courses will be considered for admission in the Year 1 Entry category, and
- have completed the 2025 Clinical Selection Test (CST) (if required), and
- have completed the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT-ANZ) in the year of application.

MAPAS Specialty Interview places for MBChB will be offered on the basis of the MAPAS Admission Panel's assessment of grades achieved in the four common courses that are offered in both the BHSc and the BSc in Biomedical Science programmes (BIOSCI 107, CHEM 110, MEDSCI 142, POPLHLTH 111), Clinical Selection Test GPA (if required) and total GPA achieved across 7 courses undertaken in Year 1 of the Bachelor of Health Sciences or Year 1 of the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science.

The MAPAS Specialty Interview process consists of a MAPAS MMI. All MAPAS applicants are also required to attend a General Admission MMI.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, applicants unable to attend their MAPAS Specialty Interview or the General Admission MMI on the relevant date will not be considered further.

Following the MAPAS Specialty Interview, the MAPAS Admission Panel will convene to review all data available for each MAPAS Year 1 applicant including: academic performance via the Core-4 course GPA, Clinical Selection Test (if required) and total GPA, MAPAS MMI scores, General Admission MMI scores, UCAT-ANZ score and MAPAS engagement (where applicable). Initial ranking is assessed using the Core-4 course GPA and the cut-off is determined by the MAPAS Admission Panel based on assessment of all data points for individual applicants together with consideration of the total number of applicants and MAPAS places available under both MAPAS Year 1 and Graduate entry pathways.

#### Graduate Entry (MAPAS)

Applicants in the Graduate Entry category may apply once only for each qualification attained which meets entry requirements.

In order to be eligible for consideration, MAPAS applicants must have:

- completed a degree, a postgraduate degree or a postgraduate diploma qualification, normally in the minimum academic time, from a New Zealand university, within the last five years, and
- completed the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT-ANZ) in the year of application.

Following the MAPAS Specialty Interview, the MAPAS Admission Panel will convene to review all data available for each MAPAS Graduate applicant including academic performance via cumulative GPA, GPA in the last-2 years of study, previous Core-4 course GPA (if relevant), MAPAS MMI scores, General Admission MMI scores, UCAT-ANZ score, degree area of specialty (and relevance to MBChB content) and MAPAS engagement (where applicable). Initial ranking is assessed using cumulative GPA and a cut-off line is determined by the MAPAS Admission Panel based on assessment of all data points for individual applicants alongside consideration of the total number of applicants and MAPAS places available under both MAPAS undergraduate and graduate entry pathways.

The MAPAS Admission Panel members include: Tumuaki FMHS (Chair), Associate Dean Pacific FMHS, Director Vision 20:20, TKHM staff acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews, Section of Pacific Health staff acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews, Community members acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews and MAPAS SSA staff from relevant programmes.

#### C. Regional/Rural Admissions Scheme (RRAS)

Those applicants who are eligible to apply in the Undergraduate or Graduate entry categories, and who meet the eligibility criteria for the Regional/Rural Admissions Scheme may choose to be considered for this quota.

*In order to qualify as a regional/rural student, applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:*

3. Five years or more of primary education (Years 1-8) spent in a school within a regional/rural area, or
4. Three years or more of secondary education (Years 9-13) spent in a school within a regional/rural area

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A list of schools by classification will be published on the UoA website. The classification of the school at the time of application will be used to determine eligibility under RRAS.

#### D. International

International applicants are eligible to apply in either Year 1 or Graduate categories, and the same process and criteria as outlined above will apply, with the exception that international graduate applicants must have completed a relevant degree, will complete a panel interview and are not required to sit the UCAT-ANZ test. A relevant degree is defined as one in which applicants have completed courses equivalent to CHEM 110, BIOSCI 107, MEDSCI 142 and POPLHLTH 111. Graduate applicants are required to have English language skills at IELTS of 7.5 or higher if they have not undertaken their prior tertiary studies in English.

International applicants who are applying under the Year 1 category are required to undertake the MMI.

International applicants who have received conditional offers (International Pathway applicants) may be required to undertake the MMI according to the conditions of their offer.

Applicants who have received a conditional offer of a place for 2026 entry, in either the Year 1 or Graduate entry category, that specifies the completion of any of the core courses of CHEM 110, BIOSCI 107 or POPLHLTH 111, and where the course/s is completed in Semester One 2025 will be required to complete a Clinical Selection Test if the University is unable to offer in person examinations for the core courses under invigilated examination conditions in 2025.

#### Application of Selection Criteria

The Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences on the advice of the MBChB Admissions subcommittee will determine matters concerning the application of the selection criteria, including but not limited to the weighting of GPA, MMI, UCAT-ANZ (where applicable) and the Clinical Selection Test (if required) in assessing the merit of applicants.

#### Selection Committee

Medical Admissions Subcommittee - Chair: Director of Medical Admissions, Heads of Schools of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Population Health or their nominees, Head of the Medical Programme, Associate Dean (Academic), Vice-Chancellor's nominee Phase 1 Director, Tumuaki or nominee, Director Vision 20:20, Academic Services Manager, Two practising clinical academics appointed by the Board of Studies.

### **Bachelor of Optometry**

Applications are accepted in three entry categories:

#### A. Undergraduate, B. Graduate, C. International.

Selection is based on a combination of academic performance indicated by the applicant's GPA, with a minimum GPA of 5.5 or higher required and an assessment of performance in a series of multiple mini-interviews (MMI) and for Undergraduate admission, the performance in a Clinical Selection Test (CST) which incorporates the core Semester 1 courses (if required).



Applicants will be required to complete a Clinical Selection test if the University is unable to offer in person examinations for any of the core Semester 1 courses under invigilated examination conditions in 2025. This Clinical Selection Test will incorporate the content of the core Semester 1 courses. If a Clinical Selection Test is required, then the results will form part of the selection criteria.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, applicants unable to attend their interview on the relevant date will not be considered further.

### A. Undergraduate

Applicants must have completed or be enrolled in the courses outlined in Part I of the Bachelor of Optometry Schedule, or an equivalent programme of study on a fulltime basis, to be eligible for selection. This includes the following courses, or courses deemed by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences to be the equivalent: **BIOSCI 101, BIOSCI 106, BIOSCI 107, CHEM 110, MEDSCI 142, PHYSICS 160, POPLHLTH 111**. Applicants must also have successfully completed a General Education course as part of their Part I study (for students who completed the Part I courses prior to 2025) or have successfully completed a WTR course (for students completing the Part I courses in 2025) to be offered a place.

Applicants will be ranked for selection to attend the MMI interviews. The ranking will be based on a GPA calculated over the 7 courses in bold above (or their equivalents) and performance in a Clinical Selection test (if required). A minimum GPA of 5.5 is required to be eligible for MMI interview. If final grades are not available at the time of MMI interview ranking, an interim grade (highest possible) will be temporarily assigned. Official final results will be used for the final selection.

Applicants will be offered admission to the programme according to the rank order until the available places in the category are filled. Interviewed applicants' final ranking is based on a weighting of the following components:

- GPA for course (in bold): 50%
- Multi Mini Interview: 50% (a minimum threshold will apply, this will be determined by the Dean)

### B. Graduate

Graduates with an appropriate degree with a GPA of 5.5 or higher will be ranked by GPA for an interview place.

*NOTE:* Graduate applicants who are due to complete their degree in the year of application, must provide finalised results no later than 30 November in the year of application.

A rank order of undergraduate and graduate applicants based on their academic performance (based on GPA), and interview performance is established at a meeting of the Optometry Admissions Subcommittee.

Places will be offered to the highest-ranking applicants.

### C. International

International applicants are eligible to apply in either the Undergraduate or Graduate entry categories. Graduate applicants are required to have an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher if they have not undertaken their prior tertiary studies in English.

### Application of Selection Criteria

The Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences will determine matters concerning the application of the selection criteria, including but not limited to the weighting of GPA and MMI, in assessing the merit of applicants.

### UTAS – more details in [Section 3](#)

#### Māori and Pacific Admissions Scheme

MAPAS places are reserved for applicants who have Indigenous Māori or Pacific ancestry as assessed by the MAPAS admissions process.

Applicants who meet the academic requirements set out above and satisfy the MAPAS Specialty Admission Interview requirements, based on their academic preparation, personal qualities and support systems will be offered a MAPAS place.

The MAPAS Admission Panel members include: Tumuaki FMHS (Chair), Associate Dean Pacific FMHS, Director Vision 20:20, TKHM staff acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews, Section of Pacific Health staff acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews, Community members acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews and MAPAS SSA staff from relevant programmes.

#### Regional/Rural Admissions Scheme (RRAS)



Those applicants who are eligible to apply in the Undergraduate or Graduate entry categories, and who meet the eligibility criteria for the Regional/Rural Admissions Scheme may choose to be considered for this quota.

*In order to qualify as a regional/rural student, applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:*

- 1. Five years or more of primary education (Years 1-8) spent in a school within a regional/rural area, or*
- 2. Three years or more of secondary education (Years 9-13) spent in a school within a regional/rural area*

*The definitions of rural and regional are derived from the Statistics New Zealand 2020 Urban Accessibility classification:*

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A list of schools by classification will be published on the UoA website. The classification of the school at the time of application will be used to determine eligibility under RRAS.

### Selection committee

School of Optometry and Vision Science Admissions Sub Committee - Chair: Programme Director of Bachelor of Optometry (School Associate Head (Academic)), Associate Dean (Academic), Academic Services Manager, Director Vision 20:20; three Academic Staff members from the School of Optometry and Vision Science appointed by the Board of Studies.

## Bachelor of Pharmacy

Applications are accepted in four entry categories:

### A. Year 1, B. Alternative Admission, C. International, D. Overseas Pharmacy Graduates.

Selection is based on a combination of academic performance indicated by the applicant's GPA, with a minimum average GPA of 5.0 required for Year 1 applicants, and a minimum GPA of 4.0 or higher required for Alternative Admission applicants, and an assessment of performance in a series of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI), and for Year 1 applicants, the performance in a Clinical Selection Test which incorporates the content of the core Semester 1 courses (if required).

Applicants will be required to complete a Clinical Selection test if the University is unable to offer in person examinations for any of the core Semester 1 courses under invigilated examination conditions in 2025. This Clinical Selection Test will incorporate the content of the core Semester 1 courses. If a Clinical Selection Test is required, then the results will form part of the selection criteria.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances applicants unable to attend their interview on the relevant date will not be considered further.

#### A. Year 1

Applicants must have completed or be enrolled in the courses outlined in Part I of the Bachelor of Pharmacy Schedule, or an equivalent programme of study, to be eligible for selection. This includes the following courses, or courses deemed by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences to be the equivalent: **BIOSCI 107, CHEM 110, MEDSCI 142, POPLHLTH 111 and three elective courses**. Applicants must also have successfully completed a General Education course as part of their Part I study (for students who completed the Part I courses prior to 2025) or have successfully completed a WTR course (for students completing the Part I courses in 2025) to be offered a place.

Applicants will be ranked for selection to attend the MMI interviews. The ranking will be based on a GPA calculated over the 7 courses in bold above (or their equivalents) and performance in a Clinical Selection test (if required). A minimum GPA of 5.0 is required to be eligible for MMI interview. If final grades are not available at the time of MMI interview ranking, an interim grade (highest possible) will be temporarily assigned. Official final results will be used for the final selection.

Applicants will be offered admission to the programme according to the rank order until the available places in the category are filled. Interviewed applicants' final ranking is based on a weighting of the following components:

- GPA for course (in bold): 50%
- Multi Mini Interview: 50% (a minimum threshold will apply, this will be determined by the Dean)

**NOTE:** Applicants that do not meet the core course requirements may be considered via this pathway if their study is otherwise deemed relevant by the Head of School.

#### B. Alternative Admission

Applicants who have completed a minimum of two years of full time study in a relevant degree from a university with at least an equivalent of a GPA of 4.0 or higher will be ranked by GPA for an interview place.

**NOTE:** Alternative Admission applicants who are due to complete their degree in the year of application, must provide finalised results no later than 30 November in the year of application.

A rank order of Year 1 and alternative admission applicants based on their academic performance (based on GPA/GPE and, performance in a Clinical Selection Test (if required)), and interview performance is established at a meeting of the Pharmacy Admissions Subcommittee.

Places will be offered to the highest-ranking applicants.

#### C. International applicant entry

International applicants are eligible to apply in either Year 1 or Alternative Admission categories. Alternative Admission applicants are required to have an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher if they have not undertaken their prior tertiary studies in English.

#### D. Overseas Pharmacy Graduates

Applicants who have an overseas qualification in Pharmacy but are ineligible to currently enter the intern

pharmacist or pharmacist scopes of practice in New Zealand can be considered under the Alternative Admissions category.

Applicants are required to have an IELTS score of 6.5 or higher if they have not undertaken their prior tertiary studies in English.

### **UTAS – more details in [Section 3](#)**

#### **Māori and Pacific Admissions Scheme**

MAPAS places are reserved for applicants who have Indigenous Māori or Pacific ancestry as assessed by the MAPAS admissions process.

Applicants who meet the academic requirements set out above and satisfy the MAPAS Specialty Admission Interview requirements, based on their academic preparation, personal qualities and support systems will be offered a MAPAS place.

The MAPAS Admission Panel members include: Tumuaki FMHS (Chair), Associate Dean Pacific FMHS, Director Vision 20:20, TKHM staff acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews, Section of Pacific Health staff acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews, Community members acting as interviewers for MAPAS Specialty Interviews and MAPAS SSA staff from relevant programmes.

#### **Regional/Rural Admissions Scheme (RRAS)**

Those applicants who are eligible to apply in the Undergraduate or Graduate entry categories, and who meet the eligibility criteria for the Regional/Rural Admissions Scheme may choose to be considered for this quota.

A list of schools by classification will be published on the UoA website. The classification of the school at the time of application will be used to determine eligibility under RRAS.

#### **Application of Selection Criteria**

The Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences will determine matters concerning the application of the selection criteria, including but not limited to the weighting of GPA, MMI, and the Clinical Selection Test (if required) in assessing the merit of applicants.

#### **Selection committee**

School of Pharmacy Admissions Sub Committee - Chair: Director of UG Pharmacy Admissions (School Associate Head Academic), Chair of Faculty Admissions Sub-Committee, Head of School of Pharmacy, Three academic staff members from the School of Pharmacy appointed by the Board of Studies, Academic Services Manager, One member of the pharmacy profession, Tumuaki or nominee, Director Vision 20:20.

## **Master of Audiology**

### **Domestic Students**

Selection is based on a combination of academic performance indicated by the applicant's GPA (cumulative GPA from qualifying programme), with a minimum average Grade Point Average of 5.0 or higher and personal qualities necessary for a person seeking a qualification as an Audiologist. This will be assessed based on a student's performance in a series of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI).

Interview places will be offered on the basis of a ranking derived from the cumulative GPA from the qualifying programme. If final grades are not available at the time of interview ranking, an interim GPA based on the highest 60-point Stage II or higher grades will be temporarily assigned. Official final grades and GPA will be used for the final selection.

A rank order of applicants is created based on a combination of their academic performance and satisfactory interview performance at a meeting of the Audiology Selection Committee.

Places will be offered to the highest-ranking applicants.

All applicants will be subject to Police Vetting and Vulnerable Children's Act Checks

### **International Students**

International applicants are eligible to apply using the same process and criteria as outlined above, with the exception that international applicants will complete a panel interview conducted by members of the Audiology Department in place of an MMI interview process. International applicants are required to have English language skills at IELTS of 7.5 or higher with no band below a 7.0 if they have not undertaken their prior tertiary studies in English.

### **Selection committee**

Head of Department or nominee, Programme Director

## **Master of Health Sciences in Nutrition and Dietetics**

Applicants will be ranked on the basis of:

- academic merit assessed on the basis of the applicant's GPA/GPE (50%) over the qualifying programme
- qualities assessed at interview (50%)
- At interview candidates must
  - demonstrate background and personal qualities seen to be of value to the study and practice of dietetics;
  - demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively in English particularly when dealing with people with hearing difficulties

Applicants are required to achieve a minimum GPA of 6.0 to be eligible for consideration for an admission interview. Unless there are exceptional circumstances applicants unable to attend their interview on the relevant date will not be considered further.

Preference may be given to suitably qualified Māori and Pacific applicants. Applicants will also be subject to Police Vetting and VCA Checks.

### **Selection committee**

Head, Programme Director, one member of the teaching programme or appropriate nominee.

## Section 3: UTAS Selection criteria

The following criteria are proposed to be used by the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences to select UTAS students into limited entry programmes in 2026.

### **Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Honours)**

#### **Māori and Pacific**

Applicants who are eligible to apply in the First Year or Graduate Entry categories, and who are able to demonstrate Indigenous Māori or Pacific ancestry as assessed by the MAPAS admissions process can be considered for a MAPAS place. Applicants will be selected for interview on the basis of GPA. Applicants invited to interview will be required to attend both a General and Specialty interview. Following the interview, the MAPAS Admissions panel will meet to consider each application, which will focus on academic ability and qualitative evaluation of support systems and personal qualities.

#### **Students with disabilities / Students from refugee backgrounds / Students from low socio- economic backgrounds**

Applicants who are eligible to apply in the Undergraduate or Graduate Entry categories, and who are able to demonstrate that they fit the definition of students with disabilities, students from low socioeconomic backgrounds or students from refugee background set out in the University's UTAS policy will be assessed on their potential to succeed (including for Students with Disabilities, their ability to undertake the programme given their disability and any reasonable accommodation).

Applicants who are considered to have the potential to succeed will be offered an interview. Following the interview a rank score will be generated based on academic ability, and the qualitative evaluation of personal qualities and suitable support systems. UTAS applicants may be offered a place up to the limit available.

#### **Selection committee**

BMedImag (Hons) Admissions Subcommittee

### **Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery**

#### **Māori and Pacific**

Applicants who are eligible to apply in the First Year or Graduate Entry categories, and who are able to demonstrate Indigenous Māori or Pacific ancestry as assessed by the MAPAS admissions process can be considered for a MAPAS place.

Applicants will be selected for interview on the basis of GPA. Applicants invited to interview will be required to attend both a General and Specialty interview.

Following the interview, the MAPAS Admissions panel will meet to consider each application, which will focus on academic ability and qualitative evaluation of personal qualities.

Full details of the MAPAS Selection process are outlined in [Section 2](#).

#### **Students with Disabilities, Students from Low Socio-economic backgrounds and Refugee background students**

Applicants who are eligible to apply in the First Year or Graduate Entry categories, and who are able to demonstrate that they fit the definition of Students with Disabilities, Students from Low Socioeconomic Backgrounds (First Year applicants only) or Students from Refugee Background set out in the University's UTAS policy will be assessed on their potential to succeed (including for Students with Disabilities, their ability to undertake the programme given their disability and any reasonable accommodation).

Applicants who are considered to have the potential to succeed will be offered an interview. Following the interview a rank score will be generated based on their academic performance, performance in the UCAT-ANZ test and interview performance, and the qualitative evaluation of personal qualities and suitable support systems. UTAS applicants may be offered a place up to the limit available.

#### **Selection committee**

MBChB Admissions Subcommittee

## **Bachelor of Optometry**

### **Māori and Pacific**

Applicants who are eligible to apply in the First Year or Graduate Entry categories, and who are able to demonstrate Indigenous Māori or Pacific ancestry as assessed by the MAPAS admissions process can be considered for a MAPAS place.

Applicants will be selected for interview on the basis of GPA. Applicants invited to interview will be required to attend both a General and Specialty interview.

Following the interview, the MAPAS Admissions panel will meet to consider each application, which will focus on academic ability and qualitative evaluation of support systems and personal qualities.

### **Students with Disabilities, Students from Low Socio-economic backgrounds and Refugee background students**

Applicants who are eligible to apply in the Undergraduate or Graduate Entry categories, and who are able to demonstrate that they fit the definition of students with disabilities, students from low socioeconomic backgrounds or students from refugee background set out in the University's UTAS policy will be assessed on their potential to succeed (including for Students with Disabilities, their ability to undertake the programme given their disability and any reasonable accommodation).

Applicants who are considered to have the potential to succeed will be offered an interview. Following the interview, a rank score will be generated based on academic ability, and the qualitative evaluation of personal qualities and suitable support systems. UTAS applicants may be offered a place up to the limit available.

### **Selection committee**

BOptom Admissions Subcommittee

## **Bachelor of Pharmacy**

### **Māori and Pacific**

Applicants who are eligible to apply in the First Year or Alternative Admission categories, and who are able to demonstrate Indigenous Māori or Pacific ancestry as assessed by the MAPAS admissions process can be considered for a MAPAS place.

Applicants will be selected for interview on the basis of GPA. Applicants invited to interview will be required to attend both a General and Specialty interview. Following the interview, the MAPAS Admissions panel will meet to consider each application, which will focus on academic ability and qualitative evaluation of support systems and personal qualities

### **Students with Disabilities, Students from Low Socio-economic backgrounds and Refugee background students**

Applicants who are eligible to apply in the First Year or Alternative Admission categories, and who are able to demonstrate that they fit the definition of students with disabilities, students from low socioeconomic backgrounds or students from refugee background set out in the University's UTAS policy will be assessed on their potential to succeed (including for Students with Disabilities, their ability to undertake the programme given their disability and any reasonable accommodation).

Applicants who are considered to have the potential to succeed will be offered an interview. Following the interview a rank score will be generated based on academic ability, and the qualitative evaluation of personal qualities and suitable support systems. UTAS applicants may be offered a place up to the limit available.

### **Selection committee**

BPharm Admissions Subcommittee

### **Publication of Rank Score information**

Faculties are reminded that only the rank score selection criteria approved as part of the Programme Limits/Guaranteed Entry Score processes can be reproduced in publications for prospective applicants.

Faculties are responsible for ensuring information published in prospectuses, handbooks, on websites or in any other publications reflect the approved rank scores.

Information published in faculty marketing and recruitment plans must also be aligned with approved selection criteria.