This year there were 979 applicants across the University for direct entry (an increase of 47 on the previous year) and 17 for deferred entry to study Biochemistry. We had 111 places available for entry next year and made 111 college offers, 19 open offers (where a University place is guaranteed if the conditions are achieved but the College place will be allocated in August) and 2 offers for deferred entry. The Departmental policy is that conditional offers should normally be set at A*AA at A-level with the A* in a science or maths, or the equivalent. As in previous years the UCAS forms of all applicants were read and graded centrally, by the Biochemistry Department, prior to short-listing (we aim to shortlist approximately 3 applicants per place); all short-listed applicants were interviewed by two colleges (remotely this year); the applicants were ranked according to their UCAS and both interview grades; and the final decisions were made at a meeting of all College tutors. Of the 996 applicants, 345 applicants were short-listed. Of these, 340 received an overall grade of 4.5 or better out of 7 (with 4 being "worth careful consideration" and 5 being "worth a place if one is available") and 305 received an overall grade above 5.0, so being made an offer of a place is a very considerable achievement.

Further notes:

The Departmental policies for shortlisting and decisions are at https://www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions.

Deferred candidates arriving in 2026 – two

Opportunity Oxford nominations – twelve

Biochemistry admissions round 2025/2026 – some initial statistics:
(excludes four applicants who withdrew before interview)

	Access[1]	Gender				APR region			School		
		Man	Woman	I use another term	I prefer not to say	Home	EU	O'seas	State	Ind.	Other[2]
Number of applicants											
All	90	345	626	6	15	448	76	468	333	138	521
Shortlisted	75	120	217	1	7	232	18	95	177	56	112
Offer	26	44	84	1	3	103	5	24	68	34	30
Success rates											
Shortlisted	83%	35%	35%	17%	47%	52%	24%	20%	53%	41%	21%
Offer	28.9%	12.8%	13.4%	16.7%	20.0%	23.0%	6.6%	5.1%	20.4%	24.6%	5.8%
Number 9/8/A* at GCSE[3]											
All	7.2	7.4	7.9	na[4]	na	8.0	na	6.8	7.8	8.5	7.0
Shortlisted	7.7	8.4	9.0	na	na	8.9	na	8.3	8.6	9.9	8.5
Offer	8.4	9.2	9.5	na	na	9.4	na	8.9	9.2	10.1	9.0
Number A-levels taken[5]											
All	3.3	3.6	3.5	na	na	3.3	na	4.1	3.3	3.6	4.1
Shortlisted	3.3	3.7	3.6	na	na	3.4	na	4.4	3.4	3.7	4.2
Offer	3.3	3.7	3.6	na	na	3.5	na	4.2	3.4	3.8	4.1
								4.1	3.3	3.6	4.1
Number predicted/achieved A* at A-levels in sciences[5]											
All	2.1	2.6	2.5	na	na	2.3	na	3.2	2.2	2.7	3.1
Shortlisted	2.3	3.0	2.8	na	na	2.7	na	3.8	2.7	3.1	3.6
Offer	2.7	3.3	3.0	na	na	3.0	na	4.0	2.9	3.2	3.7

	State school			Independent school		
	Man	Woman	I use another term / I prefer not to say	Man	Woman	I use another term / I prefer not to say
Total applicants	124	195	14	45	93	redacted[6]
%age shortlisted	50%	55%	50%	42%	40%	redacted
%age offer	19%	21%	29%	18%	28%	redacted

[1] Applicants in the most disadvantaged group according to contextual measures.
[2] Apply Online UK, Apply Online Overseas and overseas schools.
[3] For applicants taking six or more GCSEs.
[4] Too few applicants taking GCSEs or A-levels to give meaningful statistics.
[5] For applicants taking three or more A-levels/pre-U.
[6] Numbers removed for data protection because of the very small number of applicants.