



INTERVIEW GUIDELINES

What you can do before your RMMI assessment

You should try to prepare thoroughly for your assessment. The following sections are a guide to the sort of preparation that you can do.

Suggested interview preparation:

- Why have you chosen medicine, and not another course?
- Show you've thought through the pros and cons of this career
- Get some relevant work experience so you can be realistic about your career choice. Can you demonstrate that you have made an effort to find about the work of a Doctor?
- Research the course itself: is it the same or different from other courses at other universities?
- Evaluate your skills and weaknesses and be able to tell us about them if we ask
- Make a list of reasons why you are suitable
- Listen carefully to questions or instructions and think before you respond

What we are looking for:

Empathy

- Understanding and/or appreciating the thoughts and needs of others

Initiative and Resilience

- Awareness of own strengths and limitations

Communication Skills

- Listen carefully and respond adequately
- Seek clarification
- Show language skills – express self clearly and succinctly, speech is understood and use vocabulary accurately

Organizational and Problem-Solving Skills

Team Work

- Ability to work collaboratively
- Make decisions and contribute as a member of a team

Insight and Integrity

- Thoughtful
- Reflective about experiences

Effective Learning Style

- Able to manage your own learning

What NOT TO DO before or during your interview:

- Over practice potential answers so that you are just reciting something you've learnt
- **Bring any form of notes** (hand written or electronic) to your interview
- Lie or bluff – if you don't understand a question say so or ask for clarification
- Panic – although we do understand that you may feel nervous. Never underestimate the value of a deep breath!
- Ask the interviewers at the end how you've done
- Use too much slang (they may not understand it!)
- Tell jokes
- **Discuss the questions you have been asked with other candidates** or post them up on Admissions Forums. You may think you are being helpful to your peers but it just means that you are giving other candidates more chance of success.