



## Procedure round 1 selection bachelor in Medicine - academic year 2019-2020

Round 1 consist of: a portfolio that must be submitted online before a specific deadline, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment.

The portfolio contains a variety of questions concerning information about the candidates themselves and their previous education, any subject deficiencies\*\* and a plan of action for satisfying the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine at Maastricht University on time for the 2019-2020 academic year. The questions also assess the candidates' distinguishing skills, insights into and opinions on the medical education at Maastricht and the Problem-Based Learning approach (PBL) used at UM.

The candidate collects all addenda/evidence related to the portfolio in the 'Addendum to the portfolio 2019-2020'.

The homework assignment concerns the content and format of the bachelor's programme in Medicine's curriculum at UM. The assignment is completed at home. The assessment of the assignment is performed in the same manner for all candidates; special circumstances of the candidate, occurring either before or during the assignment, will not be taken into account. The homework assignment consists of several components and the study load is approximately 30 hours.

The portfolio, the addendum and the homework assignment are assessed according to predetermined criteria. The criteria are:

- The candidate is enrolled through Studielink on time (= 15 January 2019 at the latest).
- The candidate's cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate's non-cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate has thoroughly prepared for admission to the bachelor's programme in Medicine in general and at Maastricht University in particular.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about learning within the PBL system.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about the medical curriculum at Maastricht University.
- The candidate has filled and submitted the online portfolio correctly and on time<sup>§</sup>.
- The candidate has filled and submitted the addendum to the portfolio correctly and on time<sup>§</sup>.
- The candidate has adequately executed the homework assignment and has submitted it correctly and on time<sup>§</sup>.

Additional criteria for candidates interested in enrolling in the ITM:

- The candidate has sufficient motivation for enrolling in this track (to be assessed based on the information in the portfolio).
- The candidate is sufficiently proficient in English. An additional language requirement applies hereto. The precise requirements are

published on the webpages concerning the ITM, under 'English Language Proficiency ITM'. The candidate must have met the language requirements by 15 August 2019.

The overall score of each candidate is determined based on a weighted average of the different components of the portfolio. The portfolio's score is based on the various scale scores of the components 'Prior Education', 'Plan of action for removing any deficiencies', 'Distinguishing Skills', 'PBL' and 'The Medicine curriculum in Maastricht' and the content of the addendum to the portfolio. The average grade for the core subjects (Dutch, English, mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology) in the transitional report before commencing the final year of pre-university education will count towards the score for the 'Prior Education' component. For candidates with non-standard previous education (e.g. year 5 and 6 of pre-university done in 1 year or senior general secondary education + a bachelor's degree) or a transitional report before commencing the final year of a pre-university equivalent, an appropriate conversion table is made. In addition to the grades for the core subjects on the transitional report before the final year of pre-university education, taking final exams in any other subjects, following bilingual courses in the later years of the pre-university education and study success in any further education at the vocational or scientific level, also contribute to the final score for the 'Prior Education' component.

In cases where the candidates are interested in enrolling for the ITM, there will also be an assessment based on ITM-specific questions to see whether the candidate has specific skills/experience concerning global health. Furthermore, the sufficiency of the candidate's motivation for taking that track and the written skills in English is assessed. This last evaluation does not add to the final score for the portfolio; however, the assessment needs to be marked as sufficient in order to continue to the second round and to be possibly admitted to the ITM.

All candidates will be ranked according to their score for the portfolio. The candidate with the highest score will be assigned rank number 1; the candidate with the lowest score will get the highest ranking number<sup>#</sup>. Candidates with the highest scores for the portfolio will be invited to participate in the second round of the selection procedure. In principle this will be 700 candidates\*.

The outcome of the first round will be sent by email to the candidates no later than 8 February 2019. If they passed this round, an invitation to the second round will be included in this email. When booking any trips to Maastricht, candidates should allow for the fact that they may be excluded from further participation in the selection day. They should ensure that they have passed on a valid and current email address with sufficient space and access to the mailbox, so that the



outcome of the first round will reach them in good time.

Candidates who are invited to partake in the second round will receive further information about the selection day by no later than 8 February 2019; the selection day itself will be held on 23 February 2019 in Maastricht\*.

The selection procedure for the bachelor's in Medicine takes place only once a year. The obtained scores and ranks cannot be transferred to a subsequent academic year. Then the selection procedure must be entirely completed again.

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# Residents of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will have the opportunity to take part in the selection day on Curacao.

## The ranking sequence of the candidates is based on their score as compared to the scores of their fellow candidates. Having a high ranking number therefore makes no statement whatsoever about a candidate's suitability or unsuitability for the bachelor's programme in Medicine. A low position in the ranking merely means that a large number of candidates achieved a higher score.

\* Candidates with the highest scores in the first round of the selection will be invited to partake in the second round. In principle this will be 700 candidates, including a maximum of 133 candidates for the ITM. The maximum number of candidates for the ITM that is allowed to go into round 2 is a reflection of the maximum number of candidates allowed to enrol in ITM (n=60)

Should the total number of portfolios completed on time be less than 750, then the selection committee reserves the right to combine the first and second selection rounds into one and to invite all candidates for a selection day as described above for round two. The portfolio, the addendum to the portfolio and the homework assignment will then be assessed according to the predetermined procedure (see documents 'Procedure round 1' and 'Procedure round 2') and the criteria as described above.

\*\* For admission to the bachelor's programme in Medicine, a candidate must have the proper diploma and subject combination/profile. The requirements for the diploma and subject combination/profile are referred to as the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine. If a candidate does not completely satisfy these prior and/or additional education requirements with respect to the subject combination/profile, he or she is regarded as having one or more subject deficiencies.

There are no such subject deficiencies when a first and full pre-university diploma (Dutch VWO or equivalent) that contains the appropriate subject combination (including mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology) is obtained mid-2019. The subjects mentioned above should be of the appropriate level in terms of content, scope and depth.

⌘ If the portfolio or the addendum to the portfolio is not submitted correctly and on time, the candidate will not be invited for the selection day⌘.

⌘⌘ The homework assignment will be marked either sufficient or insufficient. Should a homework assignment not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately executed), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will not be invited to the selection day\*.

The content of the homework assignment will be used as the basis for one of the assignments during the selection day. Furthermore, should two or more candidates end up with the same total score for their assignments of the selection day, then the final ranking order will be determined by a comparative assessment of their homework assignments.