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## **MSC/DSC Student Outreach Advisory Group Terms of Reference**

### **Purpose of the Group**

The Student Outreach Advisory Group is to support the Medical and Dental Schools Councils outreach programme. It provides advice and guidance to the programme, ensuring that the student voice is heard.

The Student Outreach Advisory Group will:

- Support the Medical and Dental Schools Councils to widen access to medicine and dentistry
- Promote and enhance widening participation across UK medical and dental schools
- Provide student perspective to inform the Medical and Dental Schools outreach programme
- Have key input into strategic direction of student generated content for Studying Healthcare
- Advise on future strategy and further development of this workstream
- Identify new opportunities for student involvement in outreach
- Work with MSC and DSCcommunications team to identify and create content for distribution across social media platforms

### **Membership**

The Student Outreach Advisory Group will consist of a maximum of 20 medical and dental students (15 from medical schools and 5 from dental schools). The group will be chaired by Professor Gail Nicholls. To ensure that students have recent knowledge of the admissions process, they are eligible if they are in year 0, 1, 2 or 3 of their studies. Members will serve a term of up to two years and may not participate for multiple terms. Every 12 months, a selection process will be run to fill empty places.

The members will be remunerated for meeting preparation and attendance. Members will also be remunerated for any social media content they create. Travel expenses for face-to-face meetings will also be reimbursed. All members will be provided with a certificate of thanks from the MSC Selection Alliance and the DSC Admissions Committee.

### **Selection Process**

An application form will collect demographic information about applicants to the Student Outreach Advisory Group, which will be retained confidentially and only reported in a summarised form for reporting purposes. Applicants will answer a 200-word statement on the following: "How do you think your experiences and perspectives will provide fresh insight to the Medical and Dental Schools Councils on applying to medicine or dentistry?"

Applications will be stratified according to the numbers in the grids below, to ensure representation from each of the four nations, and different course types.

**Medicine (15 places)**

	England	Scotland	Wales	NI
Standard-entry	5	1	1	1
Graduate	3	1		
Foundation	3			
Total	11	2	1	1

**Dentistry (5 places)**

	England	Scotland	Wales	NI
Standard entry	2	1	1	1
Graduate				

Stage 2: Applicants’ 200-word statements written in the application form will be scored by the Chair of the group.

**Meetings**

The Student Outreach Advisory Group will meet four times per year online at agreed times and dates. The agenda and papers will be circulated at least one week before each meeting by the MSC/DSC secretariat. After each meeting, minutes will be prepared and circulated to members, no later than one month after the meeting.

**Reporting**

The Group will report to the MSC/DSC Outreach Advisory Group.

**Review**

These terms of reference will be reviewed annually.

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