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BSc (Hons) Urgent & Emergency Care (Intercalated)
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To our potential applicants,

UK Foundation Programme office Removal of Educational Achievements for entry UKFP 2023.

We are aware that the UK Foundation Programme office has released a statement [1] to inform medical schools that they will be removing certain educational achievements—including intercalated degree awards—from the UKFP application score, for 2023 entry.

We understand that this decision may cause uncertainty for students who are looking to intercalate with us in either Urgent & Emergency Care or Critical Care, in the near future. We fully appreciate that choosing to intercalate represents a significant commitment and is an investment of your time and money. As a student, you must feel assured that you will obtain a good return on your decision to intercalate.

We would like to use this opportunity to make clear that the value of our intercalated programmes in [Urgent & Emergency Care and Critical Care](#) extend far beyond creating a 'points- based advantage' for foundation year one applications. As one of our clinical intercalated students, you will experience one academic year embedded in clinical practice, actively contributing to patient care with the support of a consultant mentor. In addition to this, you receive specialist instruction and inter-professional learning in topics such as quality improvement, leadership and non-technical skills. We firmly believe that graduates from our programmes are extremely well prepared to care for patients, and function as effective doctors during their foundation years and beyond. Some of our students have also progressed into academic foundation posts and integrated academic training. This [peer- reviewed](#)

1. [UKFPO Statement 30th November 2020](#)

[paper](#) highlights some of the perspectives of our students, alumni and consultant mentors in more detail.

[Applications for 2021 entry to our programmes are open](#), and we look forward to welcoming our next cohort of future clinicians and leaders in September. We are always pleased to receive enquiries from prospective students, and any student who genuinely feels that their circumstances or financial situation precludes them from joining us is strongly encouraged to contact us. We will also be holding a live online 'Q&A' session for our prospective students during early January 2021, the joining details for which will be provided on our [website](#) very shortly. If you have already applied, or are looking to make an application for September 2021 entry, please do consider joining us then.

Yours faithfully



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