## University of Hertfordshire

## **Application and Admissions**

All applications are received through <u>UCAS</u>. Those applicants whose interest is in Pharmacy and whose academic profile meets our requirements will be invited to an interview. This will involve visiting the department of <u>Pharmacy</u>, <u>Pharmacology and Postgraduate Medicine</u> (PPP), meeting staff and students, viewing our new Science block, and attending <u>a tour of the facilities</u> including a session in the simulation centre.

Applicants are considered solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, ethnic or national origin, age (subject to the University regulations on minimum age), disability, religion, sexual orientation or any other irrelevant distinction.

Admission staff looks for the following information on the UCAS form:

- academic ability and potential as shown by your GCSE (or equivalent) results and predicted or achieved examination results
- the context of your achievements
- strong reasons for choosing the course and motivation to study a particular discipline
- extra-curricular activities, achievements and responsibilities
- other factors as appropriate to the discipline, such as employment or volunteer work in relevant fields showing commitment to a chosen career or area of work, and sustained critical engagement with relevant issues

## **DBS forms**

All applicants are required to complete a successful Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check before admission to the programme. When you receive an e mail from us inviting you to an interview, we will also send you a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Self Disclosure Form. This has to be filled out and placed into a sealed envelope. You should read the form carefully because giving <u>inaccurate information</u> may result in exclusion from the programme. Please bring the completed form with you to your interview and give it to one of the interviewers, failure to do so will result in a delay in processing your application.

## **Health Declaration**

All accepted candidates will be required to complete a health declaration form. It is a condition of the entry to the MPharm programme that all pharmacy students must be screened to ensure that they are not carriers of the Hepatitis B virus. All applicants who accept an offer must:

- undertake a screening blood test for Hepatitis B
- if necessary, start a course of immunisation
- thereafter, provide certified evidence of these

Some NHS Trusts may refuse to allow non-immunised students access, and therefore such students will be unable to participate in placement activities in these Trusts. Hepatitis B immunisation takes several months; therefore, prospective students are strongly advised to take the blood test in good time.