



Neuroscience Experience Application 2020

Guidance Notes for Teachers

The Oxford University Neuroscience Experience Programme is for Year 12 students who are interested in brain research and are planning to go to university.

Applicants must fill in the online application form at www.neuroscience.ox.ac.uk/oxford-neuroscience-experience and then ask their teacher to send a reference to communications@ndcn.ox.ac.uk.

1 Teacher Reference

For each application, we require a short reference written by a teacher, ideally the person responsible for writing the student's UCAS reference. Please use this reference to indicate those students who would benefit most from such an opportunity and may not otherwise have access to this type of experience.

2 Selection Criteria

Applications will be judged on the extent to which students will benefit from the programme, and how it relates to their current course of study.

Successful applicants do not necessarily need the highest GCSE grades. They do need to be interested in the brain, and they must be studying at least one of the following subjects at A-level: maths, biology, chemistry, physics, or psychology.

3 Number of Places

There are 24 places available on the five-day programme. The first day will consist of an introduction to neuroscience. After this, the programme will split into two streams:

1) The science of mental health and 2) Investigating the brain in health and disease. Students will be asked to mark their preference on their application form.

Of the 24 places, one will be provisionally reserved for a student from each of the six Oxford state secondary schools (Cheney, Cherwell, Matthew Arnold, Oxford Academy, Oxford Spire Academy, St. Gregory's) and The Cooper School, Bicester.

If no suitable candidate is put forward for any one of these places, we will open them out to the general pool, along with the remaining places.

4 Leave of Absence

Please tick the box on the application form to indicate that, if successful, the student will be allowed out of school to attend the programme. If you have any questions, please contact communications@ndcn.ox.ac.uk