



Certificates of Merit

Awarded in each year of the programme:

- by the Sub Board of Examiners awarded on the basis of overall performance in the summative assessments
- to approximately the top quintile of each cohort
- only to candidates who have passed all components of the examination at the first sitting
- only to candidates with no upheld Concerns over Professional Behaviour(s) (CoPBs), missing coursework or missing portfolio items, other than in exceptional circumstances after consideration by Medical School's Initial Fitness to Practise Panel
- determined with appropriate mitigation for candidates within 1% of the top quintile who have been affected by examination incidents
- recorded on the medical student academic transcript

Distinctions

In recognition of the impact of covid-19 on assessments in 2019/20 and 2020/21, distinctions are only awarded where both the written and the practical or clinical components of the assessments were held and where remote proctoring or invigilation of the written component was approved by UCL

Awarded in Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 of the programme:

- only to candidates who have passed all contributing examinations at the first sitting
- only to candidates with no upheld Concerns over Professional Behaviour(s) (CoPBs), missing coursework or missing portfolio items, other than in exceptional circumstances after consideration by Medical School's Initial Fitness to Practise Panel
- determined with appropriate mitigation for candidates within 1% of the top decile who have been affected by examination incidents
- recorded on the medical student academic transcript
- recorded on the University MBBS degree certificate

Year 2 - Distinction in Medical Sciences

- awarded by the Year 2 Sub Board of Examiners
- awarded on the basis of overall performance in the Year 1 and Year 2 assessments
 - *in 2021/22 no awards of distinction to be made as the written assessments in 2020/21 and 2021/22 were unproctored*
- awarded to approximately the top decile of the cohort

Year 5 - Distinction in Clinical Sciences

- awarded by the MBBS Board of Examiners
- awarded on the basis of overall performance in the Year 4 and Year 5 assessments
 - *in 2021/22 to be awarded on the basis of performance in the Year 5 assessments only as the 2020/21 written assessment was unproctored*
- awarded to approximately the top decile of the cohort entering Year 6
 - *in 2021/22 to be awarded to the top 15% of the cohort as mitigation for the exclusion of year 4 marks*

Year 6 - Distinction in Clinical Practice

- awarded by the Year 6 Sub Board of Examiners
- awarded to approximately the top decile of the cohort
- awarded on the basis of overall performance in the Year 6 assessments

University of London Gold Medal

Nominations for University of London Gold Medal vivas are determined by the Year 6 Sub Board of Examiners on the basis of overall performance in the Year 6 assessments. To be eligible, candidates must have achieved a Distinction in Clinical Practice. The ratio of candidates from each school is 1:75.

The examination takes the form of a viva conducted by a board of 6 examiners acting in pairs. Each candidate spends 10 minutes at each of the 3 tables and is interviewed for 5 minutes by each Examiner, so the overall examination of each candidate lasts for 30 minutes. The subjects represented are: Pathological Sciences, Medicine, Surgery, Use of Medicines and Therapeutics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Paediatrics. The criteria to be examined are: knowledge; clinical context and therapeutic relevance and evidence-base; social and community context and relevance; recent advances; judgement and reasoning.

The Gold Medal winner is also awarded a prize of £500.

The runner-up is awarded the Betuel Prize and £200.

UCLMS candidates who are nominated for and attend the vivas are issued a certificate stating "Proxime Accessit" to the Gold Medal and this is shown on UCL medical student transcripts.