

Foundation Programme

The good news from the foundation programme this year is that every eligible applicant was offered a two-year programme – there were enough places. There was concern that there would be more applicants than places available but thanks to MSC pressure extra places were funded by the Department of Health to ensure that this did not happen. We will have to continue the pressure to make sure there are enough places for next year. Over 92% of applicants were allocated to their first choice Foundation School, as a headline figure this is good news, but we are still concerned for the 8% who did not get their first choice. We'll be representing your views for the next round. For more information visit www.bma.org.uk/students and check our podcast at www.youtube.com/user/BMATv

We need your help

Foundation Programme Survey – we have sent a survey out to all final year students who applied for foundation programme places. The results are absolutely vital for us to be able to represent your views and get real improvements made to the system. If you've received a survey please return it to us. If you haven't received it, let us know at info.students@bma.org.uk

Finance survey – this will be sent out with the April edition of Student BMJ and will also be available on-line at www.demographix.com/surveys/6VQM-4EGE/H3K2ETW9/ Student finance and debt are key issues for us and we need information from you so that we can lobby Government and others for improvements.

Your students need you!

Interested in becoming an MSC rep? We'll be running elections in May this year. Running for election is your chance to make a real difference on behalf of medical students at your school and across the UK. You'll get training, help and support if you are elected. Nomination forms will be sent out with the April edition of Student BMJ. The closing date is 12pm on Wednesday 7 May 2008. For more information go to www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/mscelections



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MSC REPRESENTATIVE, 2ND YEAR, GLASGOW

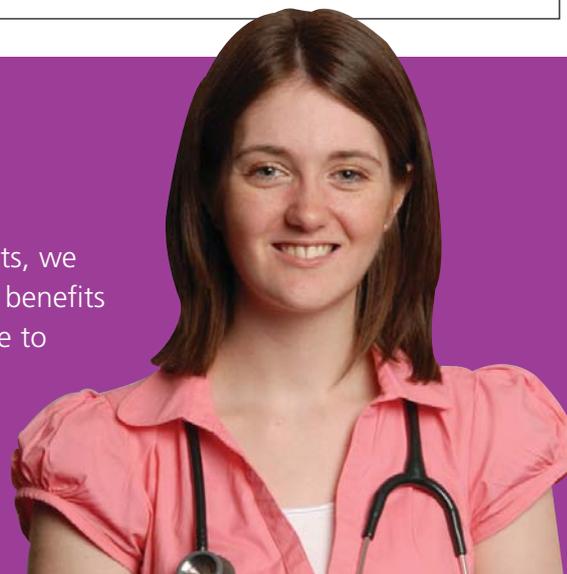
Why I wanted to be MSC rep. As medical students we have a unique opportunity to make our voices heard, not only on issues affecting us now but also in the future when we are doctors. It's hugely important that as many students as possible join the BMA. Only when the MSC has a strong group of members can it really represent the views of medical students.

My main aims for the year. That the Glasgow intraschool committee, which enacts national policy at a local level, can promote the various events the BMA holds, such as talks, careers fairs and CV clinics, to encourage more people to join. Welfare issues will be important this year. The most recent MSC welfare survey highlighted the need for those students struggling with a whole range of issues from depression to substance misuse. It is my hope that we will be able to achieve greater support for these students.

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Please take a few minutes to fill in the survey.