

## Computer Science, Mathematics & Computer Science 2021 Admissions Round Feedback

**Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2021 selection round - there will be changes each year, and these pages are only retained to provide a general indication of process.**

The Computer Science admissions tutors would like to thank all applicants for the time and care they put into their applications. We are also grateful to referees for providing their supporting statements and for the encouragement and support they give to applicants.

Computer Science and Mathematics & Computer Science are among the most competitive courses in the University. The number of applications is considerably greater than the number of places available and, as a consequence, it's not possible to shortlist everyone for an interview. This year, there were 860 applications for Computer Science, 145 of whom were shortlisted; 47 offers were made. In Mathematics & Computer Science, there were 636 applications, 141 of whom were shortlisted; 65 offers were made, including three for 2023. In Keble, the figures for Computer Science were 95 applications, 19 shortlisted, and 7 offers, including two to other colleges. For Mathematics & Computer Science, there were 50 applications, 11 shortlisted and five offers, including three at other colleges.

In their assessment of individual applications, the tutors took account of contextual data concerning relative individual and school performance as well as some background characteristics related to place of residence. This information is available only for applicants from within the UK. An explanation of how the University uses contextual data can be found here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/decisions/contextual-data>.

This year tutors were also aware of the potential and uneven impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on both learning and assessment.

The Department of Computer Science publishes a short annual report on Computer Science admissions. These can be viewed here:

[http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/admissions\\_statistics/publicReport2021.pdf](http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/admissions_statistics/publicReport2021.pdf)

The Department of Mathematics publishes a report including Mathematics and Computer Science, here:

<https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/system/files/attachments/Feedback%202021.pdf>

The reports include figures for the number of applications, the shortlisting process, and the outcome by MAT score. Individual applicants are sent their MAT scores by the relevant department.

A guide to what the tutors in Computer Science are looking for in applicant can be found here:

[https://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/why\\_oxford/what\\_do\\_tutors\\_look\\_for.html](https://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/why_oxford/what_do_tutors_look_for.html).