2023 Admissions Round Feedback

Computer Science, Mathematics & Computer Science

Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2023 selection round - there will be changes each year, and these pages only 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 proving 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 872 applications for Computer Science, 171 of which were shortlisted; 57 offers were made. In Mathematics & Computer Science, there were 616 applications, 206 of which were shortlisted; 74 offers were made. In Keble, the figures for Computer Science were 103 applications, 17 shortlisted, and 6 offers, including an open offer underwritten by a different college and an offer to a second college applicant. For Mathematics & Computer Science, there were 51 applications, 8 shortlisted after reallocation and 3 offers, including an offer made by a different college and an offer to a second college applicant.

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 disruption in the delivery of the MAT admissions test and followed precise guidelines provided by the Computer Science and Mathematics departments during the shortlisting process. Candidates who suffered disruption were offered a second test. The test was optional and candidates were not required to take it if they were happy with how the MAT went for them. Information from this test was used to supplement information we already have.

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/publicReport2023.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.