

Master's Programme in Biomedical Imaging (BIMA)

The programme is open to those who have sufficient background knowledge in medical, biological and/or natural sciences and completed a lower university degree equivalent to a Finnish B.Sc. degree in Life Sciences or in a relevant field (biomedical or medical sciences, physics, engineering or chemistry).

The applicants should be familiar with the basics of laboratory practice. Both Finnish and foreign students can apply for the programme. Applicants to the Master's degree programmes taught in English must always prove their knowledge of the English language.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE AND SCORING THE APPLICANTS IN BIMA

Applications for the Master's programmes in Biomedical Imaging (BIMA) are evaluated by the admission committee of the Master's Degree Programme, done jointly for ÅA and UTU. The admission committee first scores the applicants according to their background (see below) and selects maximum of 50 applicants for the interview round. The interview invitations will be sent by e-mail. If the applicant is not invited to the interview or not reached at the agreed interview time, the application will not be processed further. The admission results will be informed by email. Hard copies of the admission letter can be provided upon request.

All students are required to start their studies in the beginning of the autumn semester, there is no separate admission for the spring semester. The yearly quota for BIMA is 20 students.

Scoring of BIMA applicants

The admission committee scores the selected applicants by following application components:

- **Compatibility of the background studies 0-4 p.** (0 p. = insufficient, 1 p. = sufficient relevance, 2 p. = good relevance, 3 p. = excellent relevance, 4 p. = outstanding relevance)
- **Previous academic success and study history 0-3 p.** (0 p. = insufficient/not suitable, 1 p. = sufficient, 2 p. = good, 3 p. = excellent. Here it should be noted, that if the applicant has already an MSc degree(s) or higher), or is already studying at Åbo Akademi University, it is not necessarily considered to be beneficial.)
- **Laboratory working experience 0-3 p.** (0 p. = no experience, 1 p. = laboratory course work as part of previous studies, 2 p. or 3 p. = additional experience which is not directly included in the previous studies, e.g. internships, summer projects, other working experience)

- **Motivation letter 0-3 p.** (0 p. = insufficient, 1 p. = somewhat motivated, 2 p. = sufficient and well-justified motivation, 3 p. = excellent motivation)
- **The interview performance 0-3 p.** (0 p. = insufficient, 1 p. = satisfactory, 2 p. = good, 3 p. = excellent)
- **Laanguage skills 0-3 p.** (0 p. = insufficient, 1 p. = satisfactory, 2 p. = good, 3 p. = excellent).

In addition, an applicant may receive additional points from **completing a pre-assignment task during the interview (0-3 p.)**. Instructions for the pre-assignment will be sent with the interview invitation.

The maximum total score is 22 p.

If the applicant scores 0 p. in any of the components, the application will not be processed further. The best scoring applicants will be selected for the programme. In the case of the same amount of points, all of the applicants with the same score will be selected.

Limited number of interviewees will be shortlisted, and if any of the admitted applicants will not accept the offered study place, it will be offered to a shortlisted applicant. If an applicant has applied for the Biomedical Imaging programme to both universities ÅAU and UTU, the admission committee reserves a right to decide into which university the applicant will be admitted. The preferred choice of the applicant will be taken into account when possible.