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# Opportunities to contribute to the Student Selected Components for the MBChB programme



The Undergraduate School of Medicine is looking to recruit enthusiastic clinicians and scientists to contribute to the Medical School's Student Selected Components programme for years 2, 3 and 4.

## What are Student Selected Components?

Student Selected Components (SSCs) complement the MBChB degree programme by offering students the opportunity to choose subjects they wish to study in depth. This fulfils the GMC requirement which states that a minimum of 10% of the curriculum should be made available for student choice. The Medical School recruits clinicians from ST5 onwards and senior scientists/academics to supervise SSCs.

It is for each UK medical school to design its own SSC programme to suit its own circumstances. At the University of Glasgow this takes the form of a 5 week dedicated block selected by students from a wide range of options and is undertaken once in each of year 2, 3 and 4. SSCs are delivered across a variety of teaching formats and cover topics such as research projects, the study of core curriculum-related topics in more depth, and topics outside medicine including humanities and languages.

Although programmes vary between medical schools, the GMC provide the following guidance as to what particular skills students should have the opportunity to develop:

- Learn about and begin to develop and use research skills.
- Have greater control over their own learning and develop their self-directed learning skills.
- Study, in depth, topics of particular interest outside the core curriculum.
- Develop greater confidence in their own skills and abilities.
- Present the results of their work verbally, visually or in writing.
- Consider potential career paths.

## What is the role of an SSC Supervisor?

- Provide a written outline for a 5 week module including aims and intended learning outcomes (template provided [www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media\\_674091\\_smxx.docx](http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/Media_674091_smxx.docx)).
- Decide on the delivery method of the SSC.
- Decide on which block(s) and the number of student places (i.e. 1-2 per block, more if applicable).
- Set aside time to supervise – this varies according to the nature of the SSC.
- Consider the most appropriate method for assessing the SSC (at least 60% written format with remainder usually being supervisor's assessment and/or oral presentation).
- Encourage the development of a wide and varied range of skills such as curiosity, the ability to critically evaluate evidence, problem-solving and generic skills.

**So, Essential for a Supervisor to offer an SSC what is required is to let us know the block dates, number of students and complete the module outline.**

## What are the benefits for a SSC Supervisor?

- Satisfaction from supervising enthusiastic and interested students for an intense 5 week period.
- Anonymised student feedback is provided which can be included in job planning and appraisals.
- Help with clinical governance tasks such as audits, reviews, clinical effectiveness, etc.
- Increase the potential for future recruitment into your speciality.
- Improve staff skills and training such as supervision and assessment expertise.
- Promotes interaction with the Medical School which can be formalised by applying for honorary status:  
[www.glasgow.ac.uk/colleges/mvls/honorarystatusinformation/](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/colleges/mvls/honorarystatusinformation/)

## How do I find out more?

We are always keen to encourage more staff to offer modules and can provide guidance and support. More information can be found at:  
[www.gla.ac.uk/schools/medicine/mus/currentstudents/ssc/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/medicine/mus/currentstudents/ssc/)

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SSC Dates Session 2023-2024	
	Dates
Year 4 (5 weeks)	4th September – 6th October 2023
	9th October – 10th November 2023
	13th November – 15th December 2023
	8th January – 9th February 2024
Year 2 (5 weeks)	8th January – 9th February 2024
Year 3 (Please note: now back to 5 weeks, last year was 4 weeks)	12th February – 15th March 2024
	18th March – 3rd May 2024
	(just over 2 weeks' vacation from 29 March - 12 April 2024)
	7th May – 7th June 2024 (vacation on Monday 6th May due to "May Day Bank Holiday")





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