54 make up first batch of medical students at NTU

Singapore's newest medical school, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, will have an inaugural batch of 54 students.

The school was jointly set up by Nanyang Technological University and Imperial College London.

More than 800 applicants sat for the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT), an admissions requirement of the school.

From there, 440 candidates were shortlisted for a series of eight short interviews known as the Multiple Mini Interviews.

The final 54 chosen had excellent scores in the interviews and also aced their admissions test.

NTU said the first batch of students, who are all Singaporeans, have also demonstrated the skills required to be outstanding patient-centred doctors, including excellence in problem solving, communications and applying scientific knowledge.

Two-thirds of the students entering the school have completed A-Levels and 90 per cent of them are among the top students in their cohort.

The remaining one-third hold equally outstanding results, with qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate and the NUS High School diploma.