

Doctor of Medicine

The following information is provided to assist domestic students who are seeking admission to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) at The University of Queensland (UQ).

About the MD

program includes graduate and school-leaver entry streams, and is an integrated, case/problem-based learning program.

The curriculum captures the enthusiasm and maturity of its graduate entrants and supports their development into highly skilled medical graduates capable of entering a wide variety of career options. The UQ medical program is fully accredited by the Australian Medical Council and is highly regarded by employers around the world. The MD program is split into 2 phases.

- Phase 1: 2 years of foundation knowledge and skills
- Phase 2: 2 years of clinical rotations

The MD is delivered at the St. Lucia campus and 11 clinical schools located in both Queensland and internationally. Further information regarding the structure and content of UQ's medical program is available from the Medicine Faculty website – medicine.uq.edu.au.

Types of places available in the MD

UQ has approximately 280 domestic places available for commencement each year. Half of these places are reserved for the MD (Provisional Entry for School Leavers) students to commence the MD each year. All places offered to domestic students by The University of Queensland are Commonwealth Supported Places. However there are three different categories of offers which are made to both the Provisional Entry and Direct Entry cohorts.

- 28.5% of the places are Bonded Medical Places
- 71.5% of places are non-bonded Commonwealth Supported Places
- 28% of places are set aside for the Rural Background Scheme (RBS). These RBS places are filled from both of the other place categories (it is effectively an 'overlapping' quota).

Bonded Medical Places (BMP) are a type of commonwealth supported place. Students who accept a BMP offer are required by the Australian government to commit to working in a workforce shortage area for a period of time after gaining fellowship with their chosen specialisation's medical college. Please note that the return of service period for provisional pathway MD students is determined when the student enters the MD program itself. As a result, the duration of the return of service period can vary during the first degree study period. Further information about BMP is available from health.gov.au/bmpscheme.

The Commonwealth Government has announced, as part of the 2015 Budget, that the Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship (MRBS) Scheme will be closed to new entrants. For further information please refer to the Department of Health website health.gov.au/mrbscholarships.

Rural background students

Maldistribution of medical practitioners throughout Australia often leaves rural areas of Australia with limited medical services. To help address these shortages, a quota of 28% of each intake's MD places are designated to the Rural Background Scheme (RBS).

Students will be eligible for consideration in the RBS quota if they have spent 5 years continuously (or 10 years cumulatively) living in an Australian rural location in any period since birth. Rural locations are determined by the ASGS-RA (Australian Statistical Geography Standard – Remoteness Area) system. Locations in categories ASGS-RA 2 to 5 are considered to be rural.

Further information about the RBS sub quota is available from future-students.uq.edu.au.

Entry requirements*

Provisional entry for school leavers

This entry stream is only available to students in their final year of secondary school at the time of application. Students successful in gaining a provisional offer are required to complete their first Bachelor degree at UQ prior to commencing the MD program. Provisional entry students are required to complete their first degree within the minimum time specified for full-time students and achieve a grade point average (GPA) of at least 5.0/7.0 to be guaranteed progression into the MD program.

Selection criteria:

- Sound achievement in QLD Year 12 English (or equivalent)
- Entry rank 99 (OP 1/ATAR 99.05 or a combination of OP/ ATAR and adjustment factors)
- Competitive overall score in the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). The UCAT is being used for the first time in the 2020 intake. As a result, there is no historical data available for the selection thresholds for this exam.

Please note: English is the only subject prerequisite that must be completed to be eligible to apply for a place in the MD (Provisional Entry for School Leavers) program. However, a student's first degree may require additional prerequisites. Please refer to the UQ Future Students page (future-students.uq.edu.au/study) or QTAC for prerequisites for preferred first degree.

Application:

Applications for the MD (Provisional Entry Scheme for School Leavers) program must be submitted via QTAC www.qtac.edu.au.

Applications to register for the UCAT are submitted via ACER ucat.edu.au. (Cont'd page 2)

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Direct entry for graduates

This stream is only available to applicants who have completed a minimum of a three year Bachelor's degree awarded by an accredited Australian institution or overseas equivalent. Where an applicant has completed subsequent postgraduate programs including honours, graduate diploma, masters or a PhD, this postgraduate program will become their new key degree. It is also compulsory for all applicants to sit the Graduate Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) prior to applying.

The key degree may be undertaken in any discipline, although strong scientific knowledge is required for a better GAMSAT score and a biomedical major is recommended for this reason.

Selection Criteria:

- Completed key degree (Bachelors, Honours, Masters or PhD) with minimum GPA of 5.00/7.0
- The key degree study must have been completed within the last 10 years (if key degree is more than 10 years old, 'reactivation' studies will need to be undertaken for it to be recognised. Please contact UQ Admissions for further information).
- A minimum score of 50 in each of the 3 sections of the GAMSAT exam is compulsory
- A multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

Interview short-listing will be based upon GAMSAT score (An applicant's GPA can be used for further differentiation if required.)

Final Offers for the program will be based upon the following weighting: MMI score (50%), unweighted average GAMSAT score (25%) and GPA (25%)

Application:

Applications for the MD (Direct Entry for Graduates) must be submitted via the online Graduate Entry Medical Schools Admissions System (GEMSAS) at gemsas.edu.au.

Applicants are permitted to lodge an application during their final year of study in their current key degree but are required to finalise their current key degree program with a minimum final GPA of 5.00/7.0 before 31 December of the relevant year to keep any offer which they may have received.

Applications to register for the GAMSAT are submitted via ACER at gamsat.acer.edu.au.

Changes to MD admissions

In March 2018, two changes to the selection process for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program were approved. The changes will be progressively introduced between 2019 and 2022, allowing prospective students ample time to prepare.

What are the changes?

1. The introduction of a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) as a part of the selection process
2. The introduction of prerequisite subjects to ensure students are well prepared for the first two years of the program. These include Integrative Cell & Tissue Biology (BIOM2011) and System Physiology (BIOM2012), or equivalent courses or coursework in your major.

To ensure you are up to date with the changes and understand what you can do to best prepare yourself for entry into the MD

program, please refer to the relevant year of application as follows:

Applying in 2019 for 2020

Applying for Provisional Entry Pathway

- Applicants do not need to participate in MMIs.
- 2020 Provisional Entry offer holders need to have completed two subject prerequisites before enrolment into the MD program by 2023.

Applying through the Graduate Entry Pathway

- Applicants will need to participate in an MMI as a part of the admissions process to be considered for graduate offers into MD Program in 2020.
- Subject Pre-requisites are not required for enrolment in 2020.

Applying in 2020 for 2021

Applying for Provisional Entry Pathway

- Applicants will need to participate in an MMI as a part of the admissions process to be considered for provisional offers into the MD Program in 2021.
- 2021 Provisional Entry offer holders need to have completed two subject prerequisites before enrolment into the MD program by 2024.

Applying through the Graduate Entry Pathway

- Applicants will need to participate in an MMI as a part of the admissions process to be considered for enrolment into the MD Program in 2021.
- Subject Pre-requisites are not required for enrolment in 2021.

Applying in 2021 for 2022 and beyond

Applying for Provisional Entry Pathway

- Applicants will need to participate in an MMI as a part of the admissions process to be considered for provisional offers into MD Program in 2022.
- 2022 Provisional Entry offer holders need to have completed two subject prerequisites before enrolment into the MD program by 2025.

Applying through the Graduate Entry Pathway

- Applicants will need to participate in an MMI as a part of the admissions process to be considered for enrolment into the MD Program in 2022.

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* Subject to an ongoing annual review

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