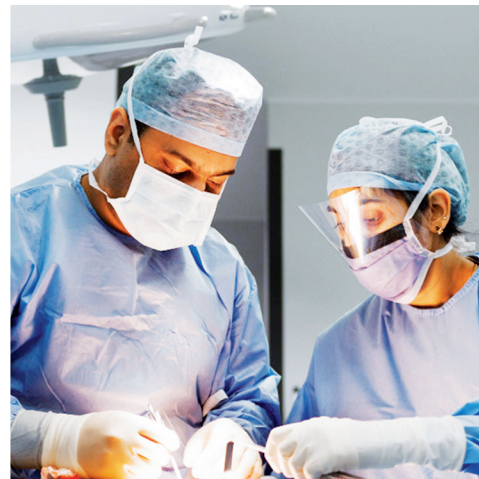




RCSI

MEDICINE

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN APPLICANTS



RCSI DEVELOPING HEALTHCARE LEADERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WORLDWIDE

RCSI is situated in the heart of Dublin, one of Europe's most popular capital cities. Founded in 1784, RCSI is Ireland's largest medical school and one of the most international medical schools in the world. The Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2016-17) places RCSI in the top 250 institutions worldwide and joint 1st place in the Republic of Ireland.

RCSI is renowned worldwide for the excellence of its medical training, producing physicians and surgeons who are practicing in over 70 countries. More than 60 nationalities are represented in the student body, with almost a quarter of our international students coming from North America. This international diversity attests to our ability to attract students from around the world and the quality of the teaching is evidenced by our match rate success.

RCSI is the only specialist Health Sciences University in Ireland, offering its students the opportunity to study in an environment where all students at undergraduate, postgraduate and research level are pursuing excellence in the health sciences.

RCSI is also the only Royal Surgical College (of the Royal Colleges in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia) that offers graduate and undergraduate degree programmes (in Medicine, Pharmacy and Physiotherapy). RCSI medical graduates are conferred with the Licentiates of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (LRCSI and LRCPI), in addition to the internationally recognised medical degrees of the National University of Ireland (MB, BCh, BAO).



Career Development

It is a priority for RCSI that students maximise their potential and successfully enter a residency program. The RCSI Career Development team assists with developing personalised career planning for residency and beyond. Key events involving international speakers and recruiters are organised with student career goals in mind. Faculty and students work together in order to ensure that students fulfill the required criteria and are competitive candidates when applying for residency.

Licensing Exams

The College established unique RCSI North American Licensing Programs in order to support medical students in their preparation and application for residency training in Canada and the United States. Both the Canadian and US Medical Licensing Programs are comprehensive educational programs. These programs follow a specific timeline and require students to be organized and focused on exam success. In addition, the programs aim to address the challenges students face when preparing for board examinations while undertaking the medical curriculum and to ensure that students fully utilize the extensive resources available to them.

Electives

Participation in clinical electives in the final two years of medical schooling is an essential part of the RCSI programme for North American students whose goal is residency training. This provides excellent opportunities to explore specialties and secure those all-important 'letters of recommendation' (LoRs). The following institutions are a representative sample of the locations where our students have successfully completed their clinical electives. RCSI invests considerable time and resources in building relationships to facilitate such clinical opportunities with North American institutions of strategic importance.

- Columbia University
- Emory University
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Mayo Clinic
- McMaster University
- Northwestern University
- UMASS Baystate Medical Center
- University of British Columbia
- University of Colorado
- University of Massachusetts
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Saskatchewan
- University of Toronto



The ability of US and Canadian graduates to secure Residency Placements in North America after completing their medical programme overseas is essential. RCSI graduates enjoy an enviable reputation for securing competitive Residencies throughout North America. The range of clinical specialties and location of Residencies secured by the Class of 2016 in both the US and Canada are shown below.

USA Hospital / Institution	Programme	State
Albany Medical Center	Medicine-Preliminary Orthopaedic Surgery	NY
Altru Health System	Family Med	ND
Broward Health Medical Center	Paediatrics	FL
Case Western/University Hospitals Case Medical Center	Internal Medicine Paediatrics	OH
Children's National Med Center	Paediatrics	DC
Cleveland Clinic Florida	Internal Medicine	FL
Concord Hospital	Family Medicine	NH
Georgetown University Hospital	Paediatrics	DC
Harvard South Shore	Psychiatry	MA
Hershey Med Center/ Penn State	Family Medicine	PA
Jacobi Med Center/Einstein	Paediatrics	NY
Kaiser Permanente-Riverside	Family Medicine	CA
Lahey Clinic	Internal Medicine	MA
Lincoln Medical Center	Internal Medicine	NY
LSU SOM-New Orleans	Obstetrics-Gynaecology	LA
Massachusetts General Hospital	Surgery-Preliminary	MA
Mayo School of Grad Med Education	Internal Medicine	AZ
Monmouth Medical Center	Paediatrics	NJ
Mt Auburn Hospital	Internal Medicine	MA
Pennsylvania Hospital	Internal Medicine Surgery-Preliminary	PA
Rutgers-R W Johnson Medical School	Paediatrics	NJ
Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital	Internal Medicine	CA
St Joseph Mercy-Ann Arbor	Internal Medicine	MI
Stamford Hospital/Columbia	Obstetrics-Gynaecology	CT
Thomas Jefferson University	Anaesthesiology	PA
Tufts Medical Center	Psychiatry	MA

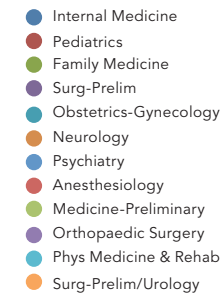
University of Alabama SOM-Huntsville	Family Medicine	AL
University of Florida COM-Jacksonville	Internal Medicine	FL
University of Florida COM-Shands Hospital	Family Medicine	FL
University of Louisville SOM	Surgery-Preliminary Urology	KY
University of Massachusetts Baystate Medical Center	Internal Medicine Obstetrics-Gynaecology	MA
University of Texas Southwestern Medicine School	Paediatrics Surgery-Preliminary	TX
University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals	Neurology	UT
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics	Neurology	WI
UPMC Mercy Hospital	Internal Medicine	PA
Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Surgery-Preliminary	TN
Wayne State University School of Medicine	Phys Medicine & Rehab	MI

Canada Hospital / Institution	Programme	Prov
Dalhousie University	Family Medicine	NS
McGill University	Family Medicine	QC
McMaster University	Family Medicine	ON
Memorial University of Newfoundland	Family Medicine	NL
Northern Ontario School of Medicine	Psychiatry	ON
Queen's University	Diagnostic Radiology Family Medicine	ON
University of British Columbia	Family Medicine	BC
University of Calgary	Family Medicine	AB
University of Manitoba	Radiation Oncology	MB

Canada Residency Placements



USA Residency Placements



University of Ottawa	Anaesthesiology Emergency Medicine Internal Medicine Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery	ON
University of Saskatchewan	Family Medicine General Pathology Internal Medicine Psychiatry	SK
University of Toronto	Psychiatry Internal Medicine	ON
Western University	Family Medicine Internal Medicine Psychiatry	ON



RCSI offered such a unique medical experience in more ways than I could have imagined. Early clinical exposure in combination with a thorough didactic GEM curriculum provided me with a well-rounded medical education and a solid foundation in clinical skills that will undoubtedly serve me well as a future practitioner.

As a medical student at RCSI, you have the opportunity to study and work alongside a culturally diverse group of physicians all across the country. From my classmates to the patient population and physicians at all training levels, RCSI is truly a cultural melting pot. In addition to the fantastic opportunity to explore every corner of the country, this has allowed me to develop a unique set of interpersonal skills essential for patient-centred healthcare internationally.

RCSI provides excellent support for their international students. During my final medical year, I was able to complete two of my four week rotations at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. This helped bridge my transition in training and provided a significant advantage in terms of developing connections with North American colleagues that is unparalleled.

While I have learned a lot about medicine and feel confident and well prepared for the journey ahead as a physician, I have come to love this country and all of the fantastic people I have had the pleasure of getting to know along the way. I am proud to call myself a future graduate from RCSI and I look forward to returning to Dublin, my home away from home.

Lindsay Cheskes
Canada

RCSI Graduate Entry Medicine - class of 2017



As I look back at my four years at RCSI, I can't help but think how lucky I am to have had this opportunity. Beginning on day one, in an anatomy lab steeped in hundreds of years of tradition, the RCSI curriculum marries anatomical knowledge to clinical practice. The hands-on experience each student gains in teaching hospitals across the country lays the groundwork for the clinical proficiency for which the RCSI alumni are known around the world.

Moving to another country can be daunting, but RCSI helps with every aspect of making you feel at home in Dublin. In fact, the student body at RCSI is incredibly diverse, representing over 60 different nationalities—so you know you are never alone on campus. Students can expect that same level of commitment for academic support too. In preparation for licensing exams and residency placement in North America, RCSI provides access to study materials, tutorial groups, and lectures by students who have recently gone through the process. One of the most valuable resources offered is the vast network of partnerships with institutions across North America that allows students to complete clinical electives during their final year. RCSI has a strong record in matching students to residencies across Canada and the USA, and these clinical elective opportunities have proven to be invaluable in the process.

In choosing the GEM program at RCSI, I didn't just join a prestigious institution with over 230 years of medical excellence. I joined a diverse school that supports each student with their individual journey through medical education. RCSI has prepared me for a career in medicine and, in looking back, I feel prepared to put into practice the skills and knowledge I've learned from that anatomy lab four years ago.

Antonio Brecevic
USA

RCSI Graduate Entry Medicine - class of 2017





Not only has RCSI been my place of learning and studying over the past 4 years, but it's also seen me grow and develop my worldview in ways that I can't imagine would've been possible anywhere else. I was fortunate enough last year (2015/2016) to serve as the Cultural Officer for the RCSI Students Union, which allowed me to interact with tons of students in all years of study and from all corners of the world, this provided me with exposure to opinions and experiences very different from my own and helped me to expand my perspective on life.

In addition to my cultural learning in Dublin, RCSI has also provided me with not just one, but two amazing international travel opportunities. Just last summer I applied and was selected as one of 4 candidates to represent RCSI in the International Research Summer School (IRSS) at Soochow University in Suzhou, China. I spent 2 fantastic months working in the Laboratory of Aging and Nervous Diseases under Dr. Zhenghong Qin - a most decorated researcher, with many numerous Nature publications in the Nature journal - and exploring the cities surrounding Suzhou on the weekends. And as if China wasn't sufficient in satisfying my travel desires, I then spent my Intermediate Cycle 2 semester in 2016 on exchange at the RCSI campus in Bahrain - a small island country just off the east coast of Saudi Arabia. Between the awesome heat and the new experiences in lifestyle and culture, Bahrain added to my RCSI experience tremendously. The variety of medical learning and language I absorbed - as well as the friendships and working connections I made during both excursions - (and let's not forget all the wondrous souvenirs) I'd say will definitely be enough to satiate me for at least the next few years.

Nathalie Edmunds
Canada
6 year medicine - class of 2019



Choosing to do your degree in another country is a daunting prospect. Doing a degree in medicine in another country might even seem crazy. Let me be the first to tell you that making that crazy decision to come to RCSI will be the best one of your life.

There are many reasons to choose RCSI, but I'd like to share the ones that have made my time here so special. The fact that the college is fairly small and specialized in the health sciences means that college life is so intimate, it's impossible to walk around RCSI without seeing a familiar and friendly face. It's also incredibly easy and rewarding to get involved with student clubs and societies at the college.

The course itself, while challenging, is geared towards clinical learning from the start; you can look forward to placements at a GP practice in your very first semester. RCSI also provides tailored support for students sitting the USMLE and CARMS with peer led teaching sessions and dedicated test prep. This college is a diverse school with a proud heritage that I have loved attending from day one, and I think you will too.

Russell Conyers
Bermuda
5 year medicine - class of 2019

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