Studying Medicine at UCD

Information for applicants to the Undergraduate-Entry & Graduate-Entry Programs







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Ireland's Global University



Ireland's Largest University

- 30,000 Students (from 124 countries)
- 20,000 Undergraduate (across 70+ programmes)
- 8,000 Graduate Students (25% of Ireland)
- 2,000 PhD students (28% of Ireland)



First choice among Irish students

Ireland's Global University

- 25% International Students
- 6,000 International Students
- Dedicated International Student facilities
 - Student counsellors
 - UCD Global Lounge
 - Orientation program
 - Airport pick-ups



UCD Global Lounge



Student Life at UCD

Vibrant and dynamic University experience



100+ Societies



60+ Sports Clubs



World-Class Sport & Leisure Centre



Modern Student Accommodation



Beautiful, Spacious Campus



Close to
Dublin City Centre



Research-Intensive University

Health
Agri-Food
Culture, Economy & Society
Information, Computation & Communications

€454 M in research funding in last 5 years



Ranked in the Top 1% #65 in Europe



Energy & Environment

UCD School of Medicine

Excellence in Teaching & Research



1st choice for Irish applicants to Medicine



Excellence in Research & Education





165 expert academic staff



1600 undergraduate students



Modern learning environment



400 graduate and part-time students



National and global network



Irelands Largest Clinical Training Network



- 25 Acute, General or Specialist Hospitals
- 150+ Primary Care Centres
- National Radiography Training Centre









Maternity Hospitals



Supporting Career-long Continuous Professional Development



- 40+ Graduate Taught (Cert, Diploma & Masters)
- 20 Graduate Research (MSc, MD, MCh, MAO & PhD)
- National Radiography Training Centre
- Medical Intern Training
- National Paramedic Training
- 2 Associated Family Medicine Training Schemes

2,000+ Students from over 50 Countries



- 380 new entrants
- 1,650 undergraduate students
- 400 graduate students
 - 260 doctoral students

- €85m+ in grants under mgt
- €12.5m+ p.a. research income

Institutes & Research Centres





- Academic Centre on Rare Diseases
- Centre for Emergency Medical Science
- Centre for Human Reproduction
- Charles Institute for Dermatology
- Conway Institute (Biomolecular)
- Diabetes Complications Research
- Pediatric Research Centre
- Systems Biology Ireland

Research Groups

- Clinical Bioinformatics
- Diagnostic Imaging
- HIV Molecular Research
- Maternal & Fetal Health
- Mucosal Pathogens
- Neurology Research
- Obesity & Immunology Research
- Tissue Engineering Research
- Biomedical Proteomics Research



Faculty with North American experience include:

- Prof Patrick Murray (Dean of Medicine) University of Illinois, Chicago
- Prof Michael Keane (Head of Medicine) Michigan & UCLA
- Prof Ronan O'Connell (Head of Surgery) Mayo Clinic (Minnesota)
- Prof Brendan Drumm (Prof of Pediatrics) Toronto
- Prof Cormac Taylor Brigham & Women's (Boston)
- Prof Gerry Watson Stanford
- Prof Fionnuala McAulife (Prof of Obstetrics & Gynaecology) Toronto
- Prof Catherine Godson San Diego, Harvard
- Prof Bill Watson Toronto
- Prof Geraldine McCarthy Wisconsin

Undergraduate-entry: Your First Three Years

Degree: Medicine MB BCh BAO (equivalent to North American MD)



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Science Fundamentals

Ethical Issues

Medicine & Society

University-wide Electives



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Anatomy

Physiology

Pathology

Population Health

Clinical Practice



3

Healthy systems

Disease Manifestation

Treatment Options

Research Methods



Graduate-entry: Your First Three Semesters

Degree: Medicine MB BCh BAO (equivalent to North American MD)



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Clinical Education & Training (Five Semesters)

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5 Clinical Semesters

Organ Systems & Disease

Clinical Skills

Clinical Attachments

Care in the community

Immersion in Clinical Network

Specialist

Clinical Rotations

Small Group Learning

Forensic Medicine

Complete Clinical Rotations

Clinical

Elective

Intern

Shadowing

Professional Completion



International Electives

Example overseas research & clinical electives



Boston



Atlanta



California



New York



Philadelphia



St Louis

Global destinations include:

- Washington University, St Louis
- University of Pennsylvania
- Emory University
- University of Queensland
- Lankenau Medical Centre, Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- Medical College of Wisconsin
- University of Kansas
- Partners in Health, Boston
- Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto



International Electives

Harvard – Massachusetts General Hospital

6-week full pediatrics rotation at Harvard-MGH:

- Placed with Dr Bernard Kinane (UCD '83),
 Chief of Pediatric Pulmonology
- 4 places per year (2 Spring & 2 Summer/Fall)
- Allocated on a competitive basis
- 1 of only 3 such MGH affiliations globally (with Cambridge & Beijing)



Summer Student Research Awards

Research opportunities for students in Ireland and abroad

Eight-week Supervised Laboratory, Clinical or Patient/Advocate Projects:

- Early engagement in research methods
- Potential to secure 10 ECTS credits towards your undergraduate degree programme.
- Opportunity to:
 - Work within our world class research labs
 - Work with patient advocate groups
 - Work at one of our affiliated clinical sites
 - Present your own work to senior academic faculty
 - Present at national and international conferences

Global destinations include:

- University of Pennsylvania (Prof Garret Fitzgerald lab)
- National Institutes of Health, Boston
- Dana Farber, Boston
- Emory University
- Hospital for Sick Children,
 Toronto
- University of Queensland

USMLEs and MCCEEs

Key statistics and support for students

USMLE results

- 2014 Step 1 pass rate for North American students: **92%** (2013 pass rate for non-US/Can schools: 79%)
- 2014 Step 1 average passing score for North American students: 220
 (pass requirement: 192)
- 2014 Step 2 CK pass rate for North American students: 88% (average passing score: 232)
- 2014 Step 2 CS pass rate for North American students: 95%

USMLE Step 1 preparation module

- Available to all students as an option
- Content mirrors the Step 1 exam
- Content reviewed each year
- Practice tests and Q-banks used throughout



Other supports for international students

School of Medicine International Office:

- Associate Dean for International Affairs
- International Manager
- North American alumni-to-student mentoring program
- One-to-one meetings to discuss career plans
- Assistance with electives applications
- Assistance with Residency Program applications

UCD International

Dedicated facilities, counsellors and guidance for international students

Residency matching

Recent graduate destinations

USA

- Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
- UC Davis Anaesthesia
- Lahey Clinic, Boston internal medicine
- State Univ of New York, Buffalo, NY
- Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- Virginia Commonwealth Univ, Richmond, VA
- University of South Alabama pediatrics
- Lahey Clinic (Tufts University) –
 Internal Medicine

- Emory Internal Medicine
- Emory Family Medicine
- Emory Radiology
- University of Hawaii Internal Medicine
- University of Minnesota Pediatrics
- Temple University / Crozer –
 Pediatrics
- University of Connecticut General Surgery

North American alumni

UCD Medicine alumni in leadership positions throughout North America

Dr Bernard Kinane – Chief, Pediatric Pulmonary Unit, MassGeneral Hospital

Dr Dympna Kelly – Head, Liver Transplant Unit, Cleveland Clinic

Dr Bairbre Connolly – Pediatric Interventional Radiologist, SickKids

Dr Louise Ivers – Senior Health & Policy Advisor, Partners in Health

Prof Garrett Fitzgerald - Professor of Medicine & Pharmacology, UPenn

Prof Ruth O'Regan – Head, Haematology & Oncology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine

Dr Patrick J Boland – Dept of Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre

Dr Jaqueline Lappin - Transplantation Surgeon, Scott & White Memorial Hospital, Austin TX



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