

Important information for students applying to the RCSI undergraduate medical course from Canada and the USA

CASPER SITUATIONAL JUDGEMENT TEST

INTRODUCTION

RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences uses the Casper Situational Judgement Test (SJT) as part of the admissions process for students applying for entry to the 5/6-year undergraduate Medicine programme via Atlantic Bridge. This test is not required for students applying for entry to the 4-year Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM) programme.

Students who are applying to RCSI's undergraduate Medicine programme via Atlantic Bridge are required to sit Casper as part of their application. The applicant's Casper score is reviewed alongside the normal application documents (academic transcripts, academic references, personal statement etc.) and is used as part of shortlisting process to select those who will be invited to attend an online interview. Please note that the Casper test must be taken in the year that the student is applying to the medical programme, i.e. the Casper test must be taken in January 2026 for the medicine course starting in September 2026.

WHAT IS A SITUATIONAL JUDGEMENT TEST?

Situational Judgement Tests are a type of psychological test used to assess social intelligence and professional characteristics, such as empathy, communication and collaboration. Casper presents test-takers with hypothetical dilemmas and asks them to respond based on their ethical judgement and personal values. These scenarios do not require any clinical training to complete.

WHY DO RCSI USE THE TEST?

RCSI has undertaken significant research into 'admission best practice' and determined that the Casper Situational Judgement Test will strengthen fairness, equality, inclusion and transparency in our application process.

Research indicates that assessing professional attributes is critical in ensuring medical schools produce physicians who provide patient-centred care. By broadening the characteristics assessed at the admissions stage, we are aiming to create a more holistic overview of the applicant and offer a fairer and more reliable selection process.

WHY CASPER?

The Casper test is the most widely used SJT in higher education. Many SJTs are multiple choice (closed response), which means they only assess if someone knows what the expected behaviour is. The Casper test is open response, allowing test-takers to answer authentically in their own words, about not just what they would do but WHY they would take that course of action via both video and text responses. This means there is no single right answer, allowing diversity of perspective based on the test-taker's individual experiences.

Areas assessed by the test include empathy, self-awareness, professionalism, motivation, problem-solving, resilience and collaboration & communication.

Responses used during the test are both video recorded and typed written responses.



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ARE THERE ANY OTHER CHANGES TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

The application process will remain unchanged for students who are applying from North America (USA & Canada) and applicants should apply through **Atlantic Bridge** as normal.

As is always the case when applying to a university course, you should review the minimum academic entry requirements before completing your application and have confidence that you will meet these requirements.

The Casper Test will take place on **Sunday 18 January 2026**:

- » Registration for the test is available on **this link**.
- » A test fee of \$85 USD is payable to Casper to sit the test.
- » Casper is a proctored online test and can be taken from anywhere once the test-taker has access to a computer (laptop or desktop) and strong internet connection.

The results of the test will be made available to RCSI and the applicants in early February, and the Casper scores will be used as part of the process to shortlist candidates who will be invited to attend for online interviews. Interviews will take place from late February to early March 2026.

Demand for medical seats is strong and places fill up quickly. Early application is recommended to ensure that your file is complete and to optimise your opportunity for a successful application.

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR CASPER?

There is no preparatory course recommended for the Casper test. It is constructed using evidence-informed principles and coaching will not increase your test performance. Once you register to take the test, you will have access to a full practice test, which will help you to become familiar with the format of Casper. There is no additional preparation required other than ensuring your computer system can support the test, which you will be guided through once you register.

HOW WILL THE TEST WORK?

The Casper test takes 85 minutes to complete (inclusive of breaks). Students are presented with a series of real-world situations, presented in either video or text-based formats, and students will be asked to respond in their own words via text and video responses.

The test is proctored remotely by a human proctor, and real-time support is available throughout the test. The tests are scored by a team of trained examination assessors from diverse backgrounds and geographies. Multiple assessors score each test to ensure consistency in the assessment process.

Applicants receive a quartile rank score that tells them how they scored relative to their peers.

The QR code below will take you to further information about Casper.

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