

Chulalongkorn University Announcement on Admission to the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) for the Academic Year 2021

Chulalongkorn University would like to invite qualified applicants to join the Doctor of Medicine (International Program), Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University for the academic year 2021. This document contains the details on the application and the selection processes as follows:

1. Eligibility

1.1 The applicant must have already graduated with at least a Bachelor's degree or must be in the final year of their current Bachelor's degree and is expected to graduate before 31st July 2021.

1.2 The applicant must have the results of one of the following English proficiency tests, which are only valid if they were taken within two years before the final application date.

1.2.1 TOEFL (Internet-based Test) at least 85 or

1.2.2 IELTS (Academic) at least 7.0 (overall)

International students, who hold the nationality of one of the following six countries: Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America **and** have earned a Bachelor's degree taught in English from one of the above six countries, will be exempted from taking English proficiency tests. A supporting document confirming that the degree is taught in English is required.

1.3 The applicant must have the results of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), which are only valid if they were taken within two years before the final application date.

1.4 The applicant must be physically and mentally fit and free of the following medical conditions or disabilities that would be an obstacle to studying or practicing medicine:-

1. Severe psychiatric disorders which may be harmful to oneself and/or others such as psychotic disorders, mood disorders, personality disorders including antisocial personality disorders or borderline personality disorders, and any other psychiatric disorders that may be an obstacle to studying and practicing medicine;

2. Communicable diseases, especially in the contagious phase, which may be harmful to oneself and/or patients, and may result in permanent disabilities;

3. Non-communicable diseases or conditions that may present danger to oneself or patients as follows:-

- Uncontrolled epilepsy (Epilepsy without seizures for at least 3 years with certification from a medical professional is considered controlled epilepsy)
- Severe heart diseases

- Severe hypertension with complications that cause permanent pathological damage to organs
 - Chronic renal diseases
 - Substance use disorders or dependence;
4. Visual impairment that hinders the ability to study and practice medicine. Visual acuity is less than 6/12 or 20/40 in the better eye with the use of corrective glasses;
 5. Hearing loss in both ears with inability to distinguish speech (low speech discrimination score) with an average level of hearing frequencies of 500-2000 Hz higher than 40 decibels and ability to distinguish speech of less than 70 percent of the normal level of sensorineural hearing that may hinder the ability to study and practice medicine; or
 6. Any other medical conditions not specified in this document that the health check-up committee feels may hinder the ability to study and practice medicine. In such a case, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine may appoint a specialist in a specific field to further examine and assess each case.

1.5 The applicant must not be previously convicted of any misdemeanor, including instigating or participating in academic falsification of admissions data for the past 3 years.

2. **Intake number** 40 students

3. **Timeline for the application process**

The details on the application and the selection processes can also be found online at <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>

Application Process		Dates (Thailand Time Zone, GMT+7)
3.1	Submitting online application following the steps in Section 4.1 and uploading the documents listed in Section 4.2	Monday 4 th January to Friday 26 th February 2021 by 11.59 am
3.2	Paying the application fee	Monday 4 th January to Friday 26 th February 2021 by 11.59 am The Faculty of Medicine reserves the right not to return the application fees under any circumstances.
3.3	Checking the applicant's eligibility and documents. In case of any errors or missing documents, an opportunity will be given to correct these on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/	Within 5 working days after the application fees paid Any corrections must be made within Thursday 4 th March 2021 by 11.59 am .
3.4	Announcement on applicants' eligibility for the selection process	Tuesday 9 th March 2021

Application Process		Dates (Thailand Time Zone, GMT+7)
3.5	Applicants may appeal the decision on eligibility for the selection process if they feel there are grounds to appeal on being wrongly identified as ineligible. An appeal form must be completed on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/	Within Thursday 11 th March 2021 by 11.59 am
3.6	Announcement on applicants' eligibility for an interview and psychiatric assessment on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/	Tuesday 23 rd March 2021
3.7	Interview at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University	Wednesday 21 st April 2021
3.8	Announcement on the results of successful applicants after the interview (There may or may not be a waiting list.)	Friday 30 th April 2021
3.9	Confirmation of successful applicants on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/	Saturday 1 st – Wednesday 5 th May 2021 by 11.59 am
3.10	Announcement of applicants who accept the offer to study in this program on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/	Tuesday 18 th May 2021
3.11	All successful applicants must be present for health check-up at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University.	Last week of May 2021
3.12	"The successful applicants sign contracts with the Royal Thai Government at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University"	Last week of May 2021

Note: This timeline *may be adjusted as appropriate*. Please follow closely any announcements on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>

4. Application method and required documents

4.1 Steps in the application process

- 4.1.1 Applicants fulfilling the eligibility criteria according to Section 1 must apply on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>. Details must be filled in accordingly and documents uploaded as listed in Section 4.2.1. The application page will be open from Monday 4th January 2021 to Friday 26th February 2021 by 11.59 am (GMT+7).
- 4.1.2 After filling in the details electronically and uploading the required documents as mentioned in Section 4.2, applicants will be required to check that everything is filled in correctly before clicking to confirm the application (After clicking to

confirm the application, further alterations are not allowed.) and applicants will receive a personal application code via email.

- 4.1.3 After receiving a personal application code, applicants must pay the application fee of 1,000 Thai baht (transaction fees not included), applicants must complete the payment *within Friday 26th February 2021 11.59 am (GMT+7)*. The Faculty of Medicine reserves the right not to return the application fees under any circumstances.
- 4.1.4 In case of not uploading all the required evidence and documents stated in Section 4.2.1, please do so *within Friday 26th February 2021 11.59 am (GMT+7)*.
- 4.1.5 Letters of recommendation stated in Section 4.2.2 must be directly emailed to the program *within Friday 26th February 2021 11.59 am (GMT+7)*.
- 4.1.6 Applicants will only be eligible for the selection process once they have submitted the application with all the required evidence, paid the application fees, and the program has received all the documents stated in Section 4.2 and checked all that is required in the application. Applicants will be able to check their eligibility status on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>

If applicants wish to make any corrections to the application or upload further documents after the application is confirmed, they must re-register for the application and pay the application fees all over again. If applicants register more than once, the most recent application with completed payment will be considered.

4.2 Evidence and documents to be uploaded

- 4.2.1 Documents to be uploaded via <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>
 - 4.2.1.1 Digital photo of the applicant measuring 4 x 5 cm or 1.5 x 2 inches. The photo must clearly display the full face, which is symmetrical, no smiling, and appropriately dressed. Do not wear a hat or glasses. The background must be white, blue, or light blue. The image must be taken within 6 months prior to submission. The photo must not be digitally altered to change the person's appearance. This must be in the form of file extension .jpg, with width of no less than 180 pixels, height of no less than 200 pixels, and file size not over 1 MB
 - 4.2.1.2 National identity card (photo side only) or passport photo page for non-Thai nationals. This must be in the form file extension .jpg, with width of no less than 500 pixels, height no less than 350 pixels, and file size no more than 1 MB
 - 4.2.1.3 The academic qualification documents as .pdf file:
 - Applicants who have already completed their undergraduate degree have to upload a transcript showing results of every semester throughout their previous undergraduate program.

- Applicants who are still studying in the final year of their degree program need to upload:
 - A letter issued by the school confirming that the applicant is expected to complete their undergraduate program within July 2021 **and**
 - A transcript showing previous results of every semester throughout the program

4.2.1.4 English proficiency test results either TOEFL (Internet-based) or IELTS Academic) or a supporting document from undergraduate school or registrar stating the language taught in Bachelor's degree from the following countries: Australia, Canada, Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and United States of America to confirm that they have successfully completed their Bachelor's degree program taught in English from those countries, to be submitted as a .pdf file

4.2.1.5 Results of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) as a .pdf file

4.2.1.6 A statement of purpose outlining your purpose for choosing this medical program, and why you think you would be a suited candidate for the CU-MEDi program. The document must be typed in English with a maximum of two A4 pages using Times New Roman font size 12 single spacing between lines in the form of .pdf file

4.2.1.7 Curriculum Vitae displaying your education and work experience. Also, any notable participation in activities including research/academic experience, social contribution, and any personal awards/achievements in the last five years. The document must be typed in English with a maximum of five A4 pages using Times New Roman font size 12, with single spacing between lines, in the form of .pdf file.

4.2.1.8. If candidates have ever had any legal changes in first names or surnames, documents of proof must be uploaded as .pdf file.

4.2.2 Documents to be directly submitted via email

Two letters of recommendation (either in Thai or English), at least one copy must come from their academic supervisor, head of the company, or co-worker, using the form designed by the Faculty, which is to be submitted directly via email: admission.cu-medi@chula.md under the subject "LOR ID... (application code)"

For the documents stated in Section 4.2, applicants who have confirmed their application, thereby acknowledge that all the documents are authentic. If found later that any evidence or documents for the application have been falsified, the applicant will lose the right to be selected in this round, even if they have already applied and been selected. They may also face legal actions.

5. Fees in the selection process

5.1 Application fee

The application fee is 1,000 Thai baht, not including the transaction fee for the bank or credit card, which will be the matter for the applicant.

5.2 Interview and health check fees

5.2.1 Interview and psychiatric assessment fees of 4,000 Thai baht

5.2.2 The health check fee is set by King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, and will be announced at a later date.

Chulalongkorn University reserves the right not to return any fees under any circumstances.

6. Selection Process

6.1 Announcement of the eligible applicants

The announcement of applicants who are eligible for selection will be made *on Tuesday 9th March 2021*, on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>.

6.2 Selection criteria

The standard for selecting applicants for interview and psychiatric assessment is by ranking of the applicants' MCAT scores.

6.3 Announcement of the applicants for interview and psychiatric assessment

The announcement of applicants invited for an interview and psychiatric assessment and details on the interview will be made *on Tuesday 23rd March 2021* on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>.

6.4 Interview and psychiatric assessment

Applicants who are selected for an interview and psychiatric assessment will be interviewed at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University. The interview panel will test the applicants' abilities such as fluency in English, ethics and critical thinking, suitability for medical profession, creativity, leadership qualities, and qualities of an adult-learner. The interview date will be made *on Wednesday 21st April 2021*.

Those who are invited for the interview and psychiatric assessment must bring a signed hard copy of the application form for this program, and the original copies of documents stated in Section 4.2.1 on the interview day. If the Faculty of Medicine finds out that the documents brought to the interview do not match with the uploaded documents on the system, they may lose the right to be interviewed.

If any evidence or documents for the application brought to the interview day are missing from those specified in Section 4.2.1 or the applicants do not show up, they will lose the right to be selected.

6.5 Criteria for determining successful applicants

The Admission Committee will make decisions on successful applicants based on interview scores, as stated in Section 6.4. *The decisions of the committee are considered final.*

6.6 Announcement of successful applicants following interview

The Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University will announce the list of successful applicants *on Friday 30th April 2021* on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>. The number of successful applicants that the Faculty will announce will be the number of intakes stated (40 students). The number may be higher than 40 students if the last people who are successful have the same interview score.

6.7 Confirmation of the offer

Successful applicants will have to confirm the offer on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/> and will have to pay the confirmation fee of 300,000 Thai baht, which will be deducted from the tuition fees of the first semester, between **Saturday 1st to Wednesday 5th May 2021 by 11.59 am (GMT+7)**. If the applicant fails to confirm the offer to study and pay the confirmation fees, they will lose the right to enter this program. The Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University may or may not have a waiting list for additional applicants based on the interview scores. Should there be applicants put on the waiting list following the interview, they will be called up to confirm their places on the waiting list between **Saturday 1st to Wednesday 5th May 2021 11.59 am (GMT+7)**, and the Faculty will announce the timeline for payment of confirmation fees at a later date.

If successful applicants choose to decline the offer, the Faculty of Medicine will call up applicants from the waiting list to pay the confirmation fees and fill up the required intake number of students. Once the confirmed number of places is filled, there will be no additional call ups from the waiting list.

The Faculty of Medicine reserves the right not to return any confirmation fees under any circumstances.

6.8 Announcement of the confirmed applicants to enter the course

The Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University will announce those who have confirmed the offer to study in the course **on Tuesday 18th May 2021** on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th/>. Confirmed applicants will have to report themselves for a health check at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, **in the last week of May 2021** (Dates may be subjected to change).

7. Conditions for entering the course

Successful applicants who can be registered to become students of Chulalongkorn University *have to finish their Bachelor's degree within 31st July 2021*. Chulalongkorn University may fine students who register later than the given dates.

8. Tuition and registration fees

The tuition and registration fees will be determined by Chulalongkorn University.

9. Course structure

This is an international medical program accepting graduates with at least a Bachelor's degree. The period of education is four years.

10. Course Timeline

Four-year education is divided into 3 main phases:-

Phase 1: Pre-clerkship at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University

Phase 2: Clerkship at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University and Queen Savang Vadhana Memorial Hospital in Sriracha, Chonburi

Phase 3: Externship phase at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University and Queen Savang Vadhana Memorial Hospital in Sriracha, Chonburi and partnered institutes abroad

11. Conditions for the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) as per the cabinet resolution and as prescribed by the Medical Council of Thailand

11.1 Successful applicants are required to sign a unilateral contract or an open-ended contract with the Royal Thai Government or the University to work for the government agencies or state agencies for 3 years after graduation, in accordance with prevailing rules, conditions and cabinet resolutions.

11.2 If a successful applicant is not a Thai national, the Medical Council of Thailand notifies that, upon graduation, he/she will not be eligible to take the Thai medical licensing examination to practice medicine in Thailand.

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