

Chulalongkorn University Announcement on Admission to the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) for the Academic Year 2023

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 2023. This document contains the details on the application and the selection processes as follows: -

1. Admission Requirements

1.1 General Eligibility

- 1.1.1 The applicant must have already graduated with at least a bachelor's degree or be in the final year of their current bachelor's degree and expected to graduate by 31st July 2023.
- 1.1.2 The applicant must have the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) results, which are only valid if taken **within two years** before the final application date.
- 1.1.3 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, may be harmful to oneself and/or patients and may result in permanent disabilities;
 3. Non-communicable diseases or conditions that may present a danger to oneself or patients are as follows: -
 - Uncontrolled epilepsy (Epilepsy without seizures for at least three 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 from sensorineural hearing loss that may hinder the ability to study and practice medicine;

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 examine further and assess each case.

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

1.2 Specific Eligibility

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria

1.2.1 General applicants

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.

TOEFL (Internet-based Test) at least 85 or

IELTS (Academic) at least 7.0 (overall)

1.2.2 Applicants who have graduated with a bachelor's degree (international program) from a Thai university accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation **within two years or are in their final year** of their current bachelor's degree from a Thai university accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation with the results of one of the following English proficiency tests.

TOEFL (Internet-based Test) at least 85 or

IELTS (Academic) at least 7.0 (overall)

Applicants can use English proficiency test results previously applied for bachelor's degree (international program) admission or taken during the bachelor's degree or after graduation from a Thai university accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation.

1.2.3 Applicants 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, can be exempted from taking English proficiency tests. The exemption is based on the nationality in the application.

Chulalongkorn University considers the applicant's nationality based on the application for the entire duration of the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) and reserves the right not to change the applicant's nationality during the selection processes and the study in the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) under any circumstances.

2. Intake Number 40 students

3. Timeline for the Application Process

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

Application Process		Dates (Thailand Time Zone, GMT+7)
3.1	Submit the online application following the steps in Section 4.1 and upload the documents listed in Section 4.2	Wednesday 1 st to Monday 27 th February 2023 by 13:00
3.2	Pay the application fee	Wednesday 1 st to Monday 27 th February 2023 by 13:00 The Faculty of Medicine reserves the right not to return the application fees under any circumstances.
3.3	Check the applicant's eligibility and/or review the completion of submitted documents at https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th In case of any errors or missing documents , an opportunity will be given to correct these at https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th	Within five working days after the application fees paid Any corrections must be made by Tuesday 7 th March 2023 at 13:00
3.4	Announcement on applicants' eligibility for the selection process on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th	Saturday 11 th March 2023
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	By Monday 13 th March 2023 at 13:00
3.6	Announcement on applicants' eligibility for an interview and psychological assessment on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th	Friday 17 th March 2023
3.7	Interview and psychological assessment	Tuesday 4 th April 2023
3.8	Announcement on the results of successful applicants after the interview (There may or may not be a waiting list.)	By Friday 21 st April 2023
3.9	Confirmation of successful applicants on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th	Friday 21 st – Thursday 27 th April 2023 by 13:00
3.10	Announcement on the list of eligible applicants for enrollment on https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th	By Thursday 25 th May 2023

Application Process		Dates (Thailand Time Zone, GMT+7)
3.11	All successful applicants must be present for health checks at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University.	July 2023
3.12	All successful applicants are required to sign contracts with the Royal Thai Government at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University	July 2023

Note: This timeline **may be adjusted as appropriate**. Please follow closely any announcements at <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 at <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 **Wednesday 1st to Monday 27th February 2023 by 13:00 (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 the information is correct before submitting the application (Further modifications are not allowed after clicking the confirmation of the application). 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 **by Monday 27th February 2023 at 13:00 (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 uploaded all the necessary evidence and documents stated in Section 4.2.1, please upload them **by Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 13:00 (GMT+7)**.

4.1.5 Letters of recommendation (details per Section 4.2.2) must be directly emailed to the program by recommenders **by Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 13:00 (GMT+7)**.

4.1.6 Applicants will only be eligible for the selection process once they have submitted the application with all the necessary evidence and 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 at <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th>.**

If applicants wish to make any corrections to the application or upload additional documents after the application is confirmed, they must re-register 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 display the entire face, which is symmetrical, with 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 six months prior to submission. The photo must not be digitally altered to change the person's appearance. It must be in the form of file extension .jpg, with a width of no less than 180 pixels, a height of no less than 200 pixels, and a file size not over 1 MB.
- 4.2.1.2 National identity card (photo side only) or passport photo page for non-Thai nationals. It must be in the form of file extension .jpg, with a width of no less than 500 pixels, a height of no less than 350 pixels, and file size of no more than 1 MB.
- 4.2.1.3 The academic qualification documents as .pdf file:
- Applicants who have completed their bachelor's degree must upload a transcript showing the results of every semester throughout the bachelor's degree program.
 - Applicants who are studying in the final year of their bachelor's degree program are required to upload the following:
 - A letter issued by the school confirming that the applicant is expected to complete the bachelor's degree program by 31st July 2023 **and**
 - A transcript consists of the results of every semester throughout the bachelor's degree program except the last academic year.
- 4.2.1.4 English proficiency test results, either TOEFL (Internet-based) **or** IELTS Academic), to be submitted as a .pdf file
- 4.2.1.5 Results of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), reported by Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 13:00 (GMT+7), with the valid verification code to be submitted as a .pdf file
- 4.2.1.6 A statement of purpose outlining an applicant's reason for choosing the CU-MEDi program, the applicant's expectations, and suitability 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 with single spacing between lines in the form of a .pdf file.
- 4.2.1.7 Curriculum Vitae displaying an applicant's education and work experience. Also, any substantial participation in research/academic experience, social contribution, volunteer activities, and 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 a .pdf file.
- 4.2.1.8 If candidates have ever had any legal changes in first names or surnames, proof documents must be uploaded as a .pdf file.

4.2.2 Documents to be directly submitted via email

Two letters of recommendation were submitted either in Thai or English. At least one letter must come from their academic supervisor, head of the company, or co-worker, using the form designed by the program, which is to be submitted directly by recommenders via email: admission.cu-medi@chula.md under the subject "2023 LOR id... (application code)."

For the documents stated in Section 4.2, applicants who have confirmed their application acknowledge that all the documents are authentic. If any evidence or documents for the application have been falsified, the applicant will be disqualified, 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 bank or credit card transaction fee, which will be the responsibility of the applicant to pay.

5.2 Interview, psychological assessment, and health check fees

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

5.2.2 The health check fee will be announced later.

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

6. Selection Process

6.1 Announcement of the eligible applicants for the selection process

The applicants eligible for the selection process will be announced on **Saturday 11th March 2023**, at <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th>.

6.2 Selection criteria for an interview and psychological assessment

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

6.3 Announcement of the applicants for interview and psychological assessment

The announcement of applicants invited for an interview and psychological assessment and details on the interview will be made on **Friday 17th March 2023** at <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th>.

6.4 Interview and psychological assessment

The eligible applicants for an interview and psychological assessment will be interviewed and assessed by the interview committee for their abilities in English fluency, ethics, critical thinking, suitability for the medical profession, creativity, leadership, and indicative qualities of an adult learner.

The interview will be conducted **on Tuesday 4th April 2023**. The detail of the interview and psychological assessment will be announced later.

If the applicants do not show up for the interview as scheduled; they will not be eligible for the successful applicant selection.

6.5 Criteria for determining successful applicants

The admission committee will make decisions on successful applicants based on MCAT scores, interview scores, application profiles, letters of recommendation, statement of purpose, and curriculum vitae per the criteria set by the admission committee. The psychological assessment results will be considered for psychiatric disorders that may be an obstacle to studying and practicing medicine. **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 **by Friday 21st April 2023** on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th>. The number of successful applicants on the announcement will be the number of intakes stated or more if the lowest-ranked applicants have equal scores. There may or may not be a waiting list for additional applicants in the order of applicants' scores.

6.7 Confirmation of the offer

Successful applicants must confirm the offer on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th> and pay the confirmation fee of 300,000 Thai baht, which will be deducted from the first semester's tuition fees, **between Friday 21st April 2023 to Thursday 27th April 2023 by 13:00 (GMT+7)**. If the applicant fails to confirm the offer to study and pay the confirmation fees during this period, they will lose the right to enter this program.

If successful applicants decline the offer, the Faculty of Medicine will notify applicants from the waiting list of their acceptance. The applicants will have to confirm the offer and pay the confirmation fees **by Tuesday, 2nd May 2023 at 13:00 (GMT+7)**. This process shall be considered the end of the selection process.

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

6.8 Announcement on the list of eligible applicants for enrollment

The Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, will announce those who have confirmed the offer to study in the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) **by Thursday 25th May 2023** on <https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th>. Confirmed applicants will have to report for a health check at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, **by July 2023** (Dates may be subject to change).

7. Conditions for Entering the Program

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

7.1.1 Successful applicants must sign a unilateral or open-ended contract with the Royal Thai Government or Chulalongkorn University to work for government agencies or state agencies for three years after graduation, following prevailing rules and conditions and cabinet resolutions.

7.1.2 A Thai medical licensing examination is subject to the conditions prescribed by the Medical Council of Thailand.

7.2 Conditions for registration as a Chulalongkorn University student

Successful applicants who can be registered as students of Chulalongkorn University must graduate bachelor's degree by 31st July 2023. 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. Curriculum Structure

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

10. Curriculum Timeline

A four-year education is divided into three main phases:

Phase 1: Pre-clerkship at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University and King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, the Thai Red Cross Society

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

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

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