Chulalongkorn University Announcement on Admission to the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) for the Academic Year 2025

Chulalongkorn University has authorized the Doctor of Medicine (International Program), Faculty of Medicine, to select the students for the academic year 2025. The admission criteria are described as follows:

1. Eligibility Criteria for Applicants

1.1 General Requirements

- 1.1.1 The applicant must have already graduated with at least a bachelor's degree or be in the final year of their bachelor's program, with an expected graduation by July 2025.
- 1.1.2 The applicant must have Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) results, which are valid only if taken <u>within two years</u> of the final application deadline.
- 1.1.3 The applicant must be physically and mentally fit, without any of the following medical conditions or disabilities that could hinder the ability to study or practice medicine:
 - 1) Severe psychiatric disorders that may pose a risk to oneself or others, including psychotic disorders, mood disorders, personality disorders (e.g., antisocial or borderline personality disorders), or any other psychiatric conditions that could interfere with medical studies or practice.
 - 2) Communicable diseases, especially in a contagious phase, that could be harmful to oneself or patients and may lead to permanent disabilities.
 - 3) Non-communicable diseases or conditions that could endanger oneself or patients, including:
 - Uncontrolled epilepsy (Epilepsy is considered controlled if seizurefree for at least three years, with certification from a medical professional)
 - Severe heart disease

- Severe hypertension with complications causing permanent organ damage
- Chronic kidney disease
- Substance use disorders or dependence
- 4) Visual impairments that interfere with the study and practice of medicine, specifically if visual acuity is below 6/12 or 20/40 in the better eye, even with corrective glasses.
- 5) Hearing loss in both ears that affects the ability to understand speech, indicated by a low speech discrimination score, an average hearing threshold at frequencies 500–2000 Hz above 40 decibels, and less than 70% normal speech recognition due to sensorineural hearing loss, which may interfere with medical training and practice.
- 6) Other medical conditions not specified that, in the opinion of the health assessment committee, could interfere with studying or practicing medicine. In such cases, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine may appoint a specialist to conduct further evaluation and assess each case individually.
- 1.1.4 The applicant must not have been convicted of any misdemeanor, including involvement in or facilitation of academic data falsification for admissions, within the past three years.

1.2 Specific Qualifications

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

1.2.1 General applicants

The applicant must have results from one of the following English proficiency tests, valid only if taken <u>within two years</u> of the final application deadline:

TOEFL (Internet-based Test): minimum score of 100, or

IELTS (Academic): minimum overall score of 7.0

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** prior to the

final application deadline, <u>or who are in the final year</u> of such a program, must provide results from one of the following English proficiency tests.

TOEFL (Internet-based Test): minimum score of 100, or

IELTS (Academic): minimum overall score of 7.0

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

1.2.3 Applicants who have **graduated** with a bachelor's degree taught in English from one of the following six countries: Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America, within two years prior to the final application deadline, or who are in the final year of such a program, must provide results from one of the following English proficiency tests:

TOEFL (Internet-based Test): minimum score of 100, or

IELTS (Academic): minimum overall score of 7.0

Applicants may use English proficiency test results previously submitted for admission to their bachelor's degree, or results obtained during their bachelor's studies or after graduation from a university in one of the six countries listed above.

1.2.4 Applicants who hold the nationality of one of the following six countries: Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America, and have earned a bachelor's degree taught in English from one of these countries, may be exempt from taking English proficiency tests. This exemption is based on nationality as indicated in the application.

Chulalongkorn University will consider the applicant's nationality as stated in the application for the entire duration of the Doctor of Medicine (International Program). The applicant's nationality cannot be changed during the selection process or throughout their studies in the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) under any circumstances.

2. Intake Number

40 students

3. Application Timeline

Detailed information about the application and selection process can be found at https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th.

| Application Process | | Dates |
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| | | (Thailand Time Zone, GMT+7) |
| 3.1 | Submit the online application following the | Monday 3 rd to Friday 21 st February |
| | steps in Section 4.1 and upload the documents | 2025 by 13:00 hrs. |
| | listed in Section 4.2 | |
| 3.2 | Pay the application fee | Monday 3 rd to Friday 21 st February |
| | | 2025 by 13:00 hrs. |
| | | The Faculty of Medicine reserves |
| | | the right not to refund the |
| | | application fees under any |
| | | circumstances. |
| 3.3 | Check the status of the application, document | Within five working days after |
| | review results, and eligibility for selection at | the application fee is paid |
| | https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th | Any corrections must be |
| | In case of errors or missing documents, | completed by Monday 3 rd March |
| | applicants will be given the opportunity to | 2025, at 13:00 hrs. |
| | make corrections at https://cu- | |
| | medi.md.chula.ac.th | |
| 3.4 | For any issue with the application status or | By Wednesday 5 th March 2025, at |
| | eligibility for selection, an appeal should be | 09:00 hrs. |
| | submitted using the prescribed form at | |
| | https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th | |
| 3.5 | Announcement of candidates eligible for the | Monday 10 th March 2025 |
| | interview and psychological assessment at | |
| | https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th | |

| Application Process | | Dates |
|---------------------|--|--|
| | | (Thailand Time Zone, GMT+7) |
| 3.6 | Interview and psychological assessment | Wednesday 26 th March 2025 |
| 3.7 | Announcement of the successful applicants | By Tuesday 8 th April 2025 |
| | and waitlists (if applicable) at https://cu- | |
| | medi.md.chula.ac.th | |
| 3.8 | Confirmation of successful applicants at | Tuesday 8 th to Thursday 17 th April |
| | https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th | 2025, at 13:00 hrs. |
| 3.9 | Announcement of candidates eligible for | By Friday 23 rd May 2025 |
| | enrolment at https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th | |
| 3.10 | Reporting and health check at the Faculty of | July 2025 |
| | Medicine, Chulalongkorn University | |

Note: This schedule may be subject to change, as necessary. Applicants are advised to closely monitor announcements on the website 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 Monday 3rd to Friday 21st February 2025, at 13:00 hrs. (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 Friday 21st February 2025, at 13:00 hrs. (GMT+7).

The Faculty of Medicine reserves the right not to refund the application fees under any circumstances.

- 4.1.4 If all the necessary evidence and documents stated in Section 4.2.1 have not been completely submitted, they must be uploaded by Monday 3rd March 2025, at 13:00 hrs. (GMT+7).
- 4.1.5 Letters of recommendation (details per Section 4.2.2) must be directly emailed to the program by recommenders by Monday 3rd March 2025, at 13:00 hrs. (GMT+7).
- 4.1.6 Applicants shall 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 must 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.

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- 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 graduated their bachelor's degree must upload a transcript showing the results of every semester throughout the bachelor's degree program, including the graduation date.
 - Applicants who are studying in the final year of their bachelor's degree program are required to upload the following:
 - O A letter issued by the school confirming that the applicant is expected to graduate the bachelor's degree program within July 2025 **and**
 - O 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) <u>or</u> IELTS Academic), to be submitted as a .pdf file
- 4.2.1.5 Results of the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), reported by Monday 3rd March 2025, at 13:00 hrs. (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 "2025 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 as per the rates set by King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital

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

6. Selection Process

6.1 Selection criteria for the interview and psychological assessment

The Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University will consider the list of candidates eligible for the interview and psychological health assessment based on the MCAT scores. The scores will be processed in descending order, from highest to lowest total score.

6.2 Announcement of candidates eligible for the interview and psychological assessment

The Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University will announce the applicants eligible for the interview and psychological assessment on Monday 10th March 2025 at https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th.

6.3 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, suitability for the medical profession, creativity, leadership, and indicative qualities of an adult learner on Wednesday 26th March 2025. 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

The Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, will announce the successful applicants by Tuesday 8th April 2025 at https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th.

The Faculty of Medicine will announce the successful applicants according to the number of intakes stated. In cases where the last selected candidate has the same score as others, the Faculty of Medicine may select more candidates than the originally stated number. The list of waitlists will also be announced in order of ranking (if applicable).

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 (Three hundred thousand Thai baht), which will be deducted from the first semester's tuition fees, between Tuesday 8th to Thursday 17th April 2025 by 13:00 hrs. (GMT+7). Should a successful applicant fails to confirm their offer and pay the confirmation fee within the specified timeframe, their place in the program will be forfeited. If a successful applicant declines the offer, the Faculty of Medicine will notify eligible applicants from the waiting list. The applicants from the waiting list must confirm their offer and pay the confirmation fee by Tuesday, 22nd April 2025, at 13:00 hrs. (GMT+7). If a successful applicant initially accepts and subsequently declines their offer, the Faculty of Medicine reserves the right to offer the place to additional applicants from the waiting list by 30th May 2025.

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

6.8 Announcement on candidates eligible for enrolment

The Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, will announce the candidates eligible for enrolment in the Doctor of Medicine (International Program) by Friday 23rd May 2025 at https://cu-medi.md.chula.ac.th.

Those listed as eligible for admission must report to and undergo a health check at the Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University, within July 2025 (subject to change as necessary).

7. Conditions for Entering the Program

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

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

Applicants eligible for initial registration must have completed their bachelor's degree by July 2025. Chulalongkorn University will impose a late registration fee if the eligible applicant registers after the university's specified deadline.

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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