

# CHANGES TO MD ADMISSIONS

In March 2018, changes to the selection process for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program were approved. The changes will be progressively introduced between 2019 and 2022, allowing prospective students ample time to prepare.

## What are the changes?

There are two main changes to the selection process for the MD program at UQ:

1. The introduction of a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) as a part of the selection process
2. The introduction of prerequisite subjects to ensure students are well prepared for the first two years of the program

## Why the change?

Our revised process is designed to ensure the highly sought-after places in the MD program are offered to applicants who demonstrate the attributes and abilities most suited to the profession of medicine, and most likely to succeed in the MD program.

We aim to select applicants who are representative of the populations we serve and whose goals align with our vision:

- **Critical scientific thinkers:**  
Our graduates are research literate and curious. A significant proportion pursue clinical academic careers, expanding the boundaries of knowledge in their field.
- **Socially accountable:**  
They are champions for integrating patient care and committed to improving health disparities in their communities. As patient-centred professionals, our graduates practice values-based medicine.
- **Global leaders in health care:**  
Our graduates are actively engaged in improving the quality of patient care and public health globally. They are effective team players, bringing skills in leadership and innovation to improve health care in their communities.



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## PLAN AHEAD

To ensure you are up to date with the changes and understand what you can do to best prepare yourself for entry into the MD program we've developed a quick reference table. Please note all information provided is subject to change, therefore applicants are responsible to seek up to date information by visiting [medicine.uq.edu.au/md-admissions-changes](http://medicine.uq.edu.au/md-admissions-changes) regularly.

		APPLYING IN 2018 FOR 2019	APPLYING IN 2019 FOR 2020	APPLYING IN 2020 FOR 2021	APPLYING IN 2021 FOR 2022
<b>PROVISIONAL ENTRY PATHWAY</b>	Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)	✗	✗	✓	✓
	<i>Need to cover prerequisite subjects prior to entry to MD</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>GRADUATE ENTRY PATHWAY</b>	Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)	✗	✓	✓	✓
	<i>Prerequisite subjects on entry to MD</i>	✗	✗	✗	✓

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## Multiple-Mini Interview

MMI's are a value-based recruitment method and aim to assess the applicant's non-academic qualities, such as empathy, integrity, adaptability and verbal communication skills.

### What is an MMI?

MMI's are a values-based recruitment method. Applicants move through a circuit of several stations, with different interviewers asking questions and scoring the applicant's performance.

### Who will be interviewed and when?

In 2019 the Faculty of Medicine will invite eligible Graduate Entry Applicants for an interview for 2020 intake. This includes domestic, international and UQ-Ochsner Pathway applicants. Eligible Provisional Entry Applicants will be invited for interview in 2020 for the 2021 intake.

### What does the MMI assess?

The MMI aims to assess the applicant's non-academic qualities, such as empathy, integrity, adaptability and

verbal communication skills. MMIs have demonstrated high interrater reliability and good predictive validity.

### How do they work?

An applicant moves from station to station with short breaks between each station. A bell will announce the beginning and end of each station. MMIs will typically be delivered face to face.

Videoconferencing MMIs will be available to international applicants who live outside of Australia. This option may also be available to rural and remote applicants who cannot attend an interview in person. Videoconference MMIs will be conducted in the same way as the in-person MMIs in that each circuit will include the same number of stations and interviewers. Each applicant will connect online. Unlike face to face MMIs,

the interviewers move between computers as opposed to the applicant. In this way, each candidate will also be required to answer the MMI questions from different interviewers, just like the face-to-face MMIs. International applicants will be interviewed in July.

### Where will the interviews be held?

Domestic applicants will be invited to attend the MMI at a clinical unit site either in Brisbane or a rural/regional location. Applicants who are interviewed through videoconferencing are invited to link in with interviewers based in Brisbane. Applicants who apply through the UQ-Ochsner pathway are invited for a face to face interview in Louisiana in USA; videoconferencing may be available.

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## Prerequisites

The introduction of Integrative Cell & Tissue Biology and System Physiology as prerequisite subjects will ensure students are well prepared for the first two years of the medical program.

From 2022, all graduate entry applicants including domestic (CSP, Rural, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admissions Pathways), International and UQ-Ochsner pathway, need to have successfully completed the two subject pre-requisites or equivalent courses when enrolling into the MD Program as medical students.

Similarly, provisional entry offer holders need to have successfully completed the two subject prerequisites when enrolling into the MD Program as medical students from 2022 onwards.

Therefore we recommend that in preparation for an application in 2021 all future applicants start planning in 2019.

### Prerequisites

The two subject prerequisites are:

- Integrative Cell & Tissue Biology\*
- System Physiology\*

\*or equivalent courses or coursework in your major.

At UQ many undergraduate programs already include these 2 subjects, either as discrete courses or as a part of the program. Students who have completed these programs will have met the subject prerequisites.

Equivalent courses from other institutions which have been assessed as meeting the 2 subject prerequisites can be viewed via the UQ credit precedent database.

When selecting an undergraduate degree at UQ or elsewhere which does not automatically include these 2 subject prerequisites, the applicant need to check that their chosen undergraduate program allows them to study these 2 subject prerequisites (or equivalents) as an elective.

### Other recommendations:

As a supportive measure for all future medical students, it is also recommended that applicants aim to undertake courses in Biostatistics and Anatomy during their undergraduate degree.

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