



University Application Guide

Make the right choice

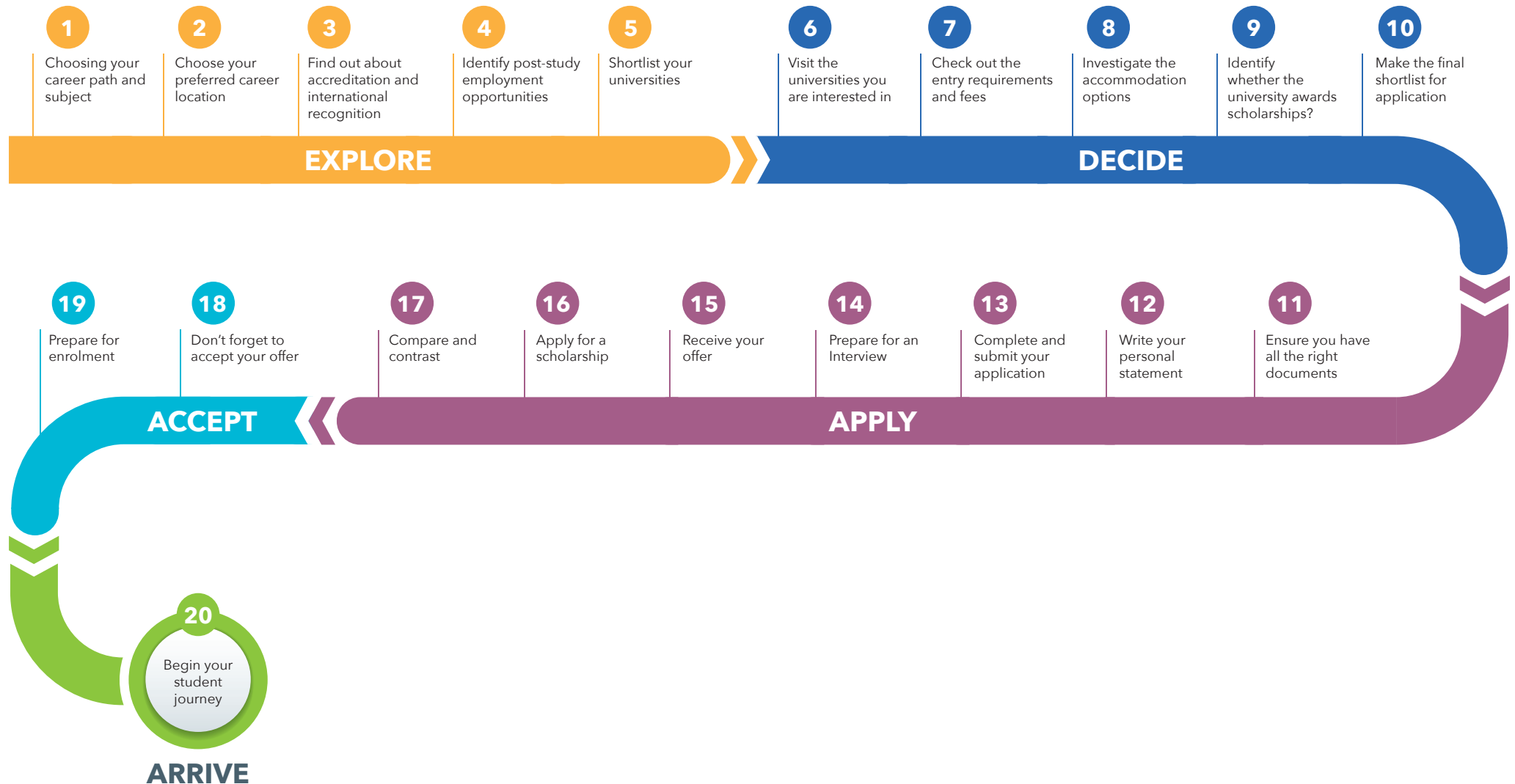
EXPLORE, DECIDE, APPLY, ACCEPT, ARRIVE

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland - Medical University of Bahrain



Student Journey

Our University Application Guide has been divided into four sections. Each of the sections – EXPLORE, DECIDE, APPLY and ACCEPT – is designed to make sure you fully consider your options, and includes advice on how to write a personal statement and prepare for interviews. In completing this journey, we are confident you will ARRIVE at your university of choice, safe in the knowledge that you have made the right decision for your future.





Introduction

Welcome

Making the choice on what and where to study is a major life decision and one that gives you the opportunity to shape your future career, realise your dreams and set yourself on a path to success. This guide aims to inform you of the steps you need to take to ensure you make the right choice.

Your student experience will develop the skills and knowledge for a rewarding and life-enhancing career and it is important that decisions on your further education are based on relevant facts and information. In this guide, you will find everything needed to help you come to a decision; make a successful application and put yourself in the best possible position to earn the place you want.

We hope you find this guide useful and would love to hear your thoughts or suggestions on what could be included in future editions. Connect with us through Facebook (rcsi.bh) or Instagram (rcsibahrain) or through www.rcsibahrain.edu.bh

Good Luck in your journey.



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Explore



The key here is research, research, research. Talk to family, friends, teachers and career counsellors and try to understand the myriad of programmes on offer and what they might mean for your future career. Don't be afraid to ask the experts – university recruitment teams are more than happy to help.

Step 1: Choosing your career path and subject

a) If you have no idea what you want to do

This situation is more common than you may think. With so many different careers available, it can be a real challenge to decide what is right for you so we've put together some pointers to help:

Find your passion: Draw up a list of subjects you love. Whatever you choose is still going to involve some hard work and stress, but if you choose a subject you enjoy, you will get more out of your degree.

Play to your strengths: Draw up a list of subjects you are good at. If there are one or two subjects you are particularly strong in, the chances are you'll be able to study at a good university in that subject.

Think outside the box: There may be subjects you have never even heard of or don't know much about so don't be afraid to check out all the options available.

Research, research, research:

Whatever you come up with, make sure to find out more about what it's like to study those subjects; what kind of qualifications you will need and what career options they may lead to.

b) If you are interested in a number of subject areas and are struggling to pick one

Whether the areas are similar or completely different, understanding the differences will help you decide.

Draw up a list of the advantages and disadvantages of the subject areas you are considering. Make sure you do as much research as possible. Talk to friends and family, visit universities or set up a meeting with your careers counsellor. Bear in mind that courses can vary depending on the subject choice and the university.

c) If you have a specific career in mind

Those lucky enough to have a future goal in mind are already one step ahead but there is still some thought to be put into reaching that goal.

If your interests lie in long-established professions with well-defined subject paths such as medicine or engineering, you shouldn't have too much trouble finding plenty of options and so the key will be to ensure that your degree is fully accredited.

If you want to follow a less-travelled career path however, you will need to do more research on what kind of subjects to consider. We suggest talking to someone who is already working in that area and finding out about the route they took. You may also choose to talk with your careers counsellors at school, who are specialists on helping you find the right subject make-up and the right university.

Step 2: Choose your preferred location

Before you decide which university is right for you, you need to consider where you want to work in the future. If you would like to work in the United States or Australia for example, you might be better taking your degree there, as it will open up networks and pathways and provide valuable experience. If you would prefer to keep your future options open, choose a degree programme that is widely accredited (see Step Three below) and allows for international mobility.

If you do decide you would like to study outside your home country, the first thing to do is talk with your careers counsellor. They will be able to help you understand everything you need to know, including the chance of securing a student visa, which is mandatory to allow you to study in a given country. Some countries limit the amount of student visas they award so it is imperative to research this early and fully understand any restrictions prior to making your decision. You may also want to find out if you can get a post-study work visa, which allows you to work in the country for a set period – usually up to two years – after you have completed your studies. Make sure to check out the national government websites of the countries you are interested in, as well as some universities within the country.

Step 3: Find out about accreditation and international recognition

Accreditation is a mark of quality awarded to educational programmes by external bodies, which is acknowledged by potential employers and other institutions. It is important that your programme of choice is accredited and that you understand what that means for you and your future career. There are many national and international accreditation bodies across the world for all programmes, so make sure to find out which ones are relevant to you. International recognition refers to the recognition of a particular programme or qualification, which allows you to work in a given country.

Step 4: Identify post-study employment opportunities

One of the most important factors in choosing your university is to find out about internships and the path students take once they graduate as this will give you an idea of whether you can achieve your ambitions.

Internships are temporary work placements that provide real-time work experience for students or graduates. Undertaking an internship can provide several advantages:

- obtaining experience in your field;
- potentially earning money
- finding out about different jobs, fields, careers, employers, and workplaces;
- obtaining the experience needed to secure a job;
- fulfilling the degree requirements;
- learning about the world of work, in general

The best way to understand if a university is right for you is to ask what percentage of students undertake an internship and what percentage of students gain employment within six to 12 months of graduating. This will give you some background into the employability success of the university graduates.

You may also want to speak to those who have graduated through the programme and are now working in their chosen field. Talking with past students gives you an insight in to their experiences and how important the degree was in their career choice.

Step 5: Shortlist your universities

Once you have decided on your location, and looked at employment outcomes and accreditation, it is now time to consider which universities you would be interested in applying to. First, check out which universities in your chosen location offer your subject of choice and again, talk to your careers counsellor, who will have advice on the universities that you should consider.

HINT

Start early: Don't leave it too late to begin exploring all the opportunities available to you.

Discover how people you admire reached their goals: If you are interested in tech, find out how some of the biggest names began.

Discover how non-academic activity can help you with your choice: What do you enjoy doing outside of school? If you love working with children, maybe paediatrics would be a good choice.



Decide



HINT

Visit with family and friends: We can currently accept visitors with an appointment in groups of 2-3 maximum. They can book a tour through futurestudents@rcsi-mub.com

A scholarship could ease any financial burden: It's worth putting in extra effort to discover all the scholarships available. It will be worth it when you receive funding to help with the cost of your studies.

Many students drop out of university purely because they made the wrong choice but getting that decision right can go a long way towards securing your future. Make sure to consider the whole university experience – what else does the university offer outside the academic arena? Do they have sports facilities, social clubs, events? If you are interested in football or music, do they have something for you? It is important that the university you choose gives you the best experience possible.

Step 6: Visit the universities you are interested in

Most universities hold open days or campus tours and are more than happy to talk about what they offer. You can usually just drop in or call ahead to make an appointment. Use this visit to get a general feel of what the university is like. Would you feel at home there? Does it look like a good place to study? Is it professional? Are they interested in you? Once you have made an initial visit to a few universities you will begin to understand what they offer, and how they differ.

Step 7: Check out the entry requirements and fees

When visiting universities, they will usually let you know about tuition fees and what qualifications you need to be accepted to the programme you are interested in but remember that not all universities are the same. Some universities will have better reputations than others based on their history and employability rates. You should be aware that lower tuition costs don't necessarily mean better value and, if a university rushes to give you a discount, ask yourself why.

Step 8: Investigate the accommodation options

If you are attending a local university, you may choose to live at home. However, if you are interested in studying in another country or at a university that is too far away from home, you will need to consider where you will live. Many universities will

have accommodation on the campus or nearby, as well as dedicated staff members who can help you with all your accommodation requirements. Some of the major considerations on accommodation are costs; whether you want to share; facilities and transport to and from the campus.

Step 9: Identify whether the university awards scholarships

Many universities will offer scholarships to help with the costs of undertaking your programme of choice. Scholarships are usually merit-based and accept applications once an offer has been made. Find out what scholarships are available; Check out the full details, eligibility criteria and the deadlines for applying for a scholarship. Explore other avenues; often, scholarships may be granted by ministries, government organisations or private organisations in your home country or the country you are applying to study in.

Having completed all the steps, you

Step 10: Make the final shortlist for application

should now have a shortlist of two or three universities you wish to apply for. The next phase in your journey requires diligence, detail and patience.

Apply



Making your application as early as possible will help your chances of gaining a place. You can usually begin the application process up to a year before the programme start date and bear in mind that it may take you a couple of months to decide which universities you want to apply to.

Step 11: Ensure you have all the right documents

All universities will require documents to support your application. Check with the Admissions Office at the university. Examples include;

- Secondary school transcripts/certificates (Grades 10, 11 and 12 to date if still in school, or final transcript with graduation certificate and certificate of good conduct).
- University transcripts/certificates (if applicable). English language qualification - e.g. IELTS/TOEFL certificate - or test booking confirmation (see <https://www.ets.org/toefl> or <https://www.britishcouncil.bh/en/exam/ielts>)
- Copy of passport, with photo page
- Copy of national identity card
- Academic Reference Form/other references with predicted grades (if applicable) Note: Academic references are usually sent directly by your school so make sure you inform them which universities you are applying to.
- Personal statement

Step 12: Write your personal statement

Most universities will require a personal statement so crafting a winning statement is the first step towards getting into your preferred university. Your personal statement is your opportunity to explain why you deserve a place at the university. Here are our suggestions on how to make your personal statement stand out.

Do your research: Research what qualities the university is looking for in applicants. Some universities may provide tips on what they're looking for so make sure to visit their websites.

Ask yourself why you want to study the subject or go to the university:

Universities want to ensure that you have thought about your options and are committed to years of hard work. Understand your motivation for study, this will help you portray your reasons for the application and show why you are the right candidate.

Make it personal: Think about the qualities and skills you have developed while at school or through your interests outside of school. If you have a passion or spent time working or volunteering in an area related to the programme for example, this will give a good representation of your commitment.

Plan what to include: Think about the points you want to emphasise and make sure to list your qualities, skills and experience and how they relate to the university and the chosen programme.

Draft the Statement: Remember, there may be a word count and you shouldn't expect to complete your statement in one go. Once you have completed your first draft, have somebody check it for typing errors and the content. Once you make amendments have it looked at again. Repeat this process until you are happy the statement represents your best self.

Step 13: Complete and submit your application

Once you've written your personal statement and have obtained all the relevant documents, it is now time to complete and submit your application. Most universities have their own online application process or use a centralised application system for a group of universities, such as the Universities and College Admissions Service (UCAS) in the UK or the Common Application where students may apply for universities in the United States, Columbia, Canada, China and many European cities. Make sure you check which application process your selected universities use and are aware of the deadlines for submitting applications. Follow the tips given to make sure you have submitted everything needed.

If you get a notice saying something is missing, don't panic. Just contact the Admissions Team and ask what you need to do.

Step 14: Prepare for an interview

Not all universities require you to attend an interview so it may only apply to certain programmes or universities. For many students this is a very daunting process, but be assured this is as much about you finding out more and deciding if the university is right for you as it is the university assessing if you will be successful in your studies. The interviewees understand that you may be nervous and will do everything to help you be at ease. Before your interview, make sure you are fully prepared by following these tips.

Timing: Make sure you have the right date, time and duration of the interview and understand the full schedule of the day. Find out if a member of your family can come with you.

Prepare for what they may ask

you: Talk with students already at the university, family members and friends and try and gain an understanding of what they may ask you. Interviews are usually an opportunity to find out how well you will fit into student life at the university, how realistic you are about the hard work ahead and to assess your commitment to the subject and the university. Prior to the interview, write down a list of reasons why you want to study your subject, why you want to study at the university and what you see your future career path looking like.

Prepare a list of questions you want to ask

The interview is a great opportunity for you to ask questions about the programme, the university and anything else you might want to know so make sure to have a list of questions ready.

Ask what happens next: At Interview day, ask what the next steps are; when will you hear if you have been offered a place and what happens if they don't make you an offer.

Step 15: Receive your offer

Waiting for an offer is a nervous time but be patient, universities may receive several thousand applications each year and it will take time for them to consider yours. The process usually involves the Admissions Team checking your application to ensure you have included everything needed. Each application will then be assessed to decide if the student applicant is academically suited to the programme.

Once that process has been completed, there will be three different outcomes:

- A full offer
- A conditional offer
- Rejection

I have been made a full offer

If you have been made a full offer based on your application then congratulations. At this stage, you need to assess all the offers you have been made and decide on your final choice. The best thing to do is to visit or revisit the university. By meeting up with admissions specialists at the university, they will help guide you to ensure that it is right for you.

I have been made a conditional offer

A conditional offer is when you have received an offer subject to specific criteria being met. The main conditions associated with a conditional offer will be with regard to you gaining a certain grade level or GPA in upcoming exam results. A conditional offer may also be made, subject to attendance and performance at an interview (see step 14).

My application has been rejected

The university has decided the programme is not right for you - the first thing to do is to find out why. It may be that your predicted grades or IELTS/TOEFL score is not sufficient. Many universities offer foundation programmes for this very reason. Foundation programmes are designed to prepare you for beginning your degree and bring you to the level required.

Don't forget, there are many universities out there who will consider your application and you could still find another route to study the subject of your dreams.

Step 16: Apply for a Scholarship

Once you have received your offer, you may want to consider applying for a scholarship. A scholarship is a financial award to help cover the costs associated with your studies (check out step nine for further details). There are several steps to follow when applying for scholarships.

- Get organised;** When you're ready to start applying, it's important to be organised. One of the most important steps, once you find a scholarship that interests you, is to read the directions, qualifications, and fine print carefully. Don't forget you can apply for more than one scholarship. You may even find some of the work you do can be applied to multiple scholarship applications e.g. an essay or writing sample. (Be sure you read the directions for the essays carefully, as many judges will look to those essays to narrow down a long list of applicants). Ask teachers and family for honest feedback.
- Start early;** scholarships are very competitive so the earlier you begin completing the application, the better. Although some universities may wait until after the deadline to begin the review of scholarship applications, by submitting your entry early, you may gain an edge on other students.
- Be Patient;** once you have submitted your application for a scholarship, the only thing to do is wait. The university or scholarship body will inform you if you have been successful and let you know the steps you need to take to gain your financial award.

Step 17: Compare and contrast

Congratulations. You have made it this far and are now considering your final choice. If you have a few university offers to consider, now is the time to make the final decision on where you will spend the next few years of your life. Here are a few things to consider to help make your final choice:

- a) **The quality of the university:** what kind of reputation does the university have?
- b) **The quality of the faculty:** who will be teaching you? What qualifications do they have and have they ever worked in the field?
- c) **The location of the campus:** whether you choose to study at home or away, you need to consider what this will entail. Studying at home may be less stressful, however studying and living away from home, may open many more opportunities to experience different cultures and meet new people.
- d) **The tuition and living costs:** some students may be restricted based on their financial circumstances but remember, the cheapest option isn't always the best route. Universities that charge higher fees may do so because they provide a much better academic experience so, instead of comparing the fees, look at the outcomes once you have graduated.
- e) **Careers and Internships:** what are the outcomes of students who have studied your programme of choice. Does the university provide a pathway to gaining an internship and how many students undertake an internship? What career paths have previous graduates taken and have they been successful? If you want to work internationally, will there be opportunities available? How does the university help you get a good job and what percentage of students gain employment within six/12 months of graduation.
- f) **International accreditation:** this is probably one of the biggest reasons for choosing a specific university programme. International recognition will mean that your qualification is recognised by other international bodies and institutions and may open routes for a successful career that you may have not considered.
- g) **Life outside of your studies:** what facilities does the university provide for your enjoyment and well-being? Studying can be stressful at times and good universities understand that and provide non-academic activities to ensure that you can kick back and enjoy time with your friends.
- h) **What does your heart say:** this is something only you can answer. There may be one university that just appeals but you may not be sure why. Sometimes you just have to go with how you feel about the university.



HINT

Be careful: Mistakes on your application can impact chances of getting accepted. After you finish an application, put it aside for a day and then check it over for errors. If you can, have a teacher or family member proof-read it as well. Save and review online applications before you submit them.

Keep copies: Make a copy of each piece of your application. Save personal identification numbers, passwords, and notes or emails from Admission Officers. This documentation can help you if a problem arises.

Be consistent: Using exactly the same name on all forms makes things easier for Admissions Officers. Decide if you want to use a shortened version of your legal name or your middle name, and then always use the same version. Switching names increases the chances that your materials will get mislaid.

Don't wait: Anything that needs to be sent to the university, whether online or in hard copy, including your application itself, should be sent several weeks before it is due. Remember, the university may receive thousands of applications so you want to make sure that you have submitted everything that is needed.



Accept



Once you have decided on your preferred offer, there may be some additional formalities to fulfill before beginning your studies.

Make sure to follow the relevant instructions provided by the institution, and in a timely manner, so that you can look forward to beginning life as a student.

Step 18: Don't forget to accept your offer

It is vitally important that you let the university know as soon as possible that you will be accepting their offer. They may have deadlines for acceptance and if they do not hear from you within the indicated timeframe, they may offer your place to someone else. As soon as you have decided, let them know immediately - don't wait.

Step 19: Prepare for enrolment

As soon as possible, put together all the information you will need for the first couple of weeks at university. We have produced a checklist of the things you will need to do as follows;

- **Registration:** It is essential that new full-time students complete their registration and this may be required to be done in person. Please note that the deadline for registration may be a few weeks before the start of the semester and required documentation can include: Evidence of meeting entry conditions, passport, visa, national identity card or birth certificate, Sponsor letter/evidence of funding.
- **Pay your tuition fees:** find out the deadlines and how to make the payments.
- **Open a bank account:** if you don't already have your own account, set one up with a local bank
- **Register with a health centre and ensure you are up to date with all vaccinations and health insurance (if applicable):** this is especially important if you are studying away from home.
- **Register with IT:** for your email and online access.
- **Register with the library:** to access all the resources.

Arrive

Step 20: Begin your student journey

Well done. You have decided what and where you are going to study, received and accepted your offer and you can now begin the exciting journey through university.



Leading the world
to better health

Your Journey
Our Promise



Making the right choice for you

Our mission at RCSI Bahrain is to **educate**, **nurture** and **discover** for the benefit of human health. As one of the few educational institutions worldwide **focused solely on the health sciences**, we aim to enhance human health through endeavor, innovation and collaboration.

Globally-recognised degrees provide the platform for international mobility

Students receive degrees from RCSI Bahrain and the National University of Ireland (NUI), which are recognised around the world and allow graduates to compete for international places

Founded on over
200 years of
**educational
excellence**



Medical research

built on the principal of
patient care, which is
embedded into the curriculum



**High-quality
teaching
and clinical
technologies**,
alongside
**excellent sports and
recreational facilities**



International and local faculty inspiring
the **next generation** of healthcare leaders



Student community of over **45** nationalities

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Our programmes

Medicine (MB, BCh, BAO)

If you have a passion for medicine and would like to become a doctor, there are a couple of options open to you. Firstly, you can apply directly to the undergraduate medicine programme, which may take either five or six years to complete, depending on your GPA or other qualifications. The requirements for entry into the undergraduate medicine programme are available on the website www.rcsibahrain.edu.bh

To download our prospectus scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone.



Medical Commencement Programme

An alternative option is to undertake our Medical Commencement Programme (MCP), which has been specifically designed to provide a learning path in English language and basic sciences to those who may not match the entry levels required for the undergraduate medicine programme. The MCP is a full-time, one-year programme and successful completion will provide students with a Certificate in Foundation Medical Science, as well as an opportunity to progress to the undergraduate medicine programme.

I'm interested in medicine, what do I do next?

If you are interested in studying medicine, you are welcome to visit our campus and speak with one of our dedicated team, who can guide and advise you on everything you need to know.

To arrange a tour of our campus:

- Connect through the QR code (insert QR code)
- Give us a call on +973 1735 1450
- Go online to www.rcsibahrain.edu.bh to book a campus tour
- Just drop in and someone will be happy to show you around and chat with you about life as a student at RCSI Bahrain.



If you are unable to visit us in person, experience a video tour of our campus, which will give you an idea of what the university offers. Scan the QR Code with the camera on your phone to get started.

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Hear from our graduates

"Many physicians in Canada speak highly of RCSI Bahrain graduates. It was an easy decision to come here because I knew that I would receive a world-class medical education."

ARMAN LIRA ,
Medicine Graduate, Class of 2019



"The MCP is a great stepping stone between high school and university and gave us valuable experience for the medicine programme, such as time management and note-taking. The teachers are very helpful and very welcoming and they really help prepare you to succeed through the rest of the programme."

FADI CHIKH TORAB,
Medicine Graduate, Class 2018
and a member of the inaugural MCP Class.

"RCSI Bahrain helped me to reach my goals by providing a solid clinical education, which helped me prove myself at the hospital upon graduation."

DR ERINI GAMAL,
Medicine Graduate, Class of 2012



How do I apply?

If you have decided that RCSI Bahrain is the right university for you to begin your path towards a career in medicine, now is time to prepare your application. Places in RCSI Bahrain's undergraduate medicine programme are highly sought after and we receive hundreds of applications every year. While we have no defined closing date for applications, admissions close when all places are full and the growing trend in recent years is for this to occur earlier each year. So the earlier you apply, the higher your chances of securing a place.

The application is designed to be as simple as possible and is completed through the dedicated online portal on our website (<https://www.rcsibahrain.edu.bh>). Once your application has been assessed, the admissions team will send you an email to tell you what happens next.

For applications to both the **undergraduate medicine programme** and the **Medical Commencement Programme**, you will require the following documentation:

- Secondary school transcripts/certificates (Grades 10, 11 and 12 to date if still in school, or final transcript with graduation certificate and certificate of good conduct).
- University transcripts/certificates (if applicable).
- English language qualification e.g. IELTS/TOEFL certificate or test booking confirmation
- Copy of passport, including photo page (must be six months in date from the commencement of the programme i.e. September)
- Copy of national identity card (if required; this must also be six months in date from the commencement of the programme i.e. September)
- Academic Reference Form completed by your school/university or other references with predicted grades if applicable (check out the Academic Reference Form on our website: <https://www.rcsi.com/bahrain/undergraduate/application-information/how-to-apply>).
- Personal statement of between 500 and 1000 words. The purpose of the personal statement is to provide the Admissions Committee with an insight into you, your motivations and your suitability for a career in medicine. You should consider explaining the activities you have undertaken in preparing yourself for a career in medicine. Please note that your submissions should be your own work and not that of anyone else. If any plagiarism is detected in an applicant's personal statement, the applicant will no longer be considered for admission to the University

Medical School Personal Statement

Your personal statement should be just that; personal to you. This statement is your opportunity to talk about your reasons for studying medicine and what has influenced you in your journey to your decision. Below is a check list of areas that may be included within your personal statement.

- Why do you want to study medicine? e.g. have you had a personal experience that influenced your decision?
- What experiences have you had so far of a medical environment? e.g. have you carried out volunteer work with children, the elderly or in specific medical centres?
- What aspects of medicine particularly interest you and why? e.g. have you a special interest in surgery, family healthcare or community based healthcare?
- What are your goals for the future? e.g. do you want to work in a busy city based hospital or perhaps for a medical charity in an under-developed country?
- How do your personal skills match the skills you feel are required by a successful doctor? e.g. are you a good listener and will you have the required skill to understand patient concerns or are you logical and analytical which will help in identifying difficult cases?
- Provide examples throughout your personal statement of your experiences and how they affected you and influenced your career choice.

"RCSI Bahrain has taught me that without hard work, perseverance and a dream, it is impossible to achieve anything. With the esteemed faculty members and the clinical experience provided to us within the teaching hospitals in Bahrain and the University, I can confidently say that I know exactly what kind of doctor I want to be and where I want to be in the future."

ARUN NAIR,
Medicine Graduate, Class of 2019



Submitting your application

Once you have prepared the relevant documentation and written your personal statement, now is the time to complete the online application. At RCSI Bahrain, we have tried to make the application process as simple as possible and so have broken this down into four stages:

Stage One: Once you have submitted your application, you will be provided with a unique reference number. You should use this reference every time you contact RCSI Bahrain. This will make tracking the status of your application easy and help you make sure that you have submitted everything you need. We always communicate by email so make sure to check your email inbox regularly.

Stage Two: Once your submitted application has been completed, our Admissions Team will advise if you have been selected to attend an interview.

You will be invited, via email, to attend an online 20 minute interview with one of our Academic staff. Prior to your interview day, you will be sent exclusive access to our online portal "Inside-RCSI".

This portal allows you to take a full virtual tour of the RCSI Bahrain facilities and provides detailed information for new students to RCSI Bahrain.

Your interview

- It will be a one to one interview with a faculty member
- It will last approximately 20 minutes
- It is to assess your motivation and suitability for a career in medicine
- It is a great opportunity for to demonstrate your achievements and attributes

Stage Three: Your application and interview will now be assessed by our Admissions Committee. This

committee assesses every application to RCSI Bahrain and will make a recommendation on whether you would

be a suitable candidate. All applicants will receive notification of the outcome of their application in due course via email.



Some hints that might help you be successful at interview are:

- **Be prepared**
Arrive early
Read about the programme
Re-read your personal statement
Plan and practice your answers
Dress nicely
- **Be yourself**
Try and relax
Get some rest beforehand
Listen to the questions
Contribute to the discussion
Smile

Hear from our students

"RCSI Bahrain has provided me with a strong foundation by enhancing my communication and laboratory skills, which will be beneficial to my progression in a medical career."

EMAN AL SHERAWI,
Medicine Graduate, Class of 2019



Stage Four: All standard applications will receive notification within ten days of the interview taking place with one of a number of outcomes;

- a) You have been accepted: You receive a full offer with no conditions.
- b) You have been accepted with conditions: You receive an offer with conditions usually based on your exam results or GPA.
- c) You have been declined: Unfortunately, your application may have not made the grade this time. If so, don't panic. Find out why and if there is another avenue open to you. You may be offered a place on the Medical Commencement Programme or want to consider another route in Healthcare - e.g. Nursing.

Apply for a scholarship

If you have been offered a place on the undergraduate medicine programme you may want to apply for a scholarship. RCSI Bahrain Medicine Scholarships award financial support to a number of students enrolling in the undergraduate medicine programme for the coming academic year. Full details of the sponsorships are available on www.rcsibahrain.edu.bh or you can connect directly to the website by scanning the QR code below with the camera on your phone.



Confirming the right choice

You have received an unconditional or conditional offer. So, what next? If you are holding offers from another university as well as RCSI Bahrain, you will need to make your final decision. Don't forget to compare and contrast between them to make sure you make the right choice. Here's a checklist to help you.

- The location; home or away
- The reputation; is it an internationally recognised university?
- The quality of the teaching and learning; what are the faculty like and what experience do they have?
- The learning type; how will you learn, classroom based, practical experience or a mix of both?
- Are you guaranteed an internship? Are internships offered and how likely are you to secure one? Can you take your internship in other countries?
- Clinical experience; one of the most important aspects of healthcare is the clinical experience you will gain. How does this work?
- International accreditation; is your degree recognised by international bodies and will you be able to work overseas?
- What are the career outcomes of graduates; where do they work and how successful are they?
- The costs; living at home or away and the tuition fees. Don't forget, focus on the career outcomes first and not just the costs.
- Go with your heart; will I be happy? Do I see myself fitting in? Is this the right place for me?

Don't forget to tell us your decision

There are deadlines for accepting our offers so make sure you let us know in plenty of time whether you will be joining RCSI Bahrain in September. If you have any questions we are always available to help so pop by anytime.

Prepare for life as a student

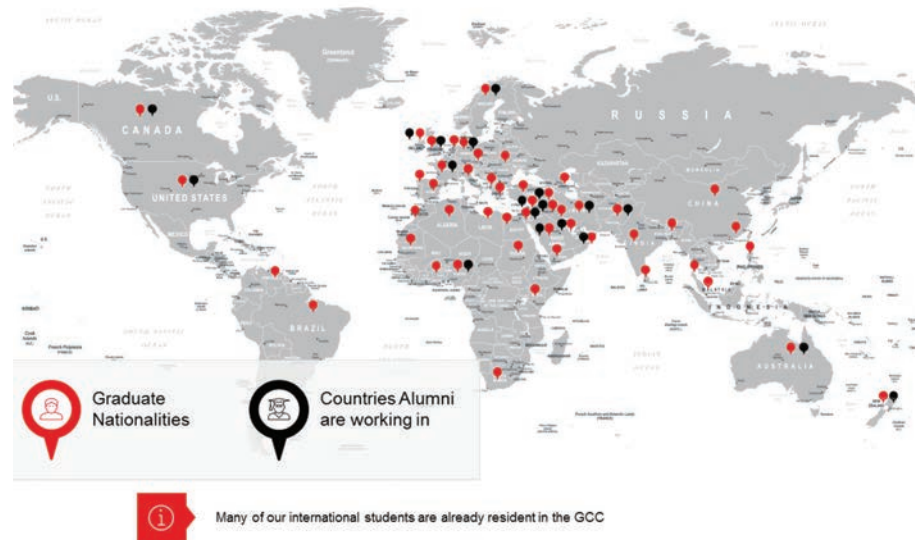
Whatever and wherever you decide to study, we hope that you have found this guide helpful. This is the beginning of one of the most exciting periods in your life. Study hard, work diligently, have fun while doing it and take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. We wish you every success.





Where are RSCI Bahrain graduates today...

Our growing alumni network of 3,300 graduates are located in 38 countries all over the world.



"RSCI Bahrain has provided some unique and life-changing experiences that set apart the good doctors from exceptional physicians and are based on good ethics, interpersonal relationships and the noble traditions of RSCI."

DR FARES AL FARES, Medicine Graduate,
Class of 2013

