

**SINGAPORE MEDICAL
SOCIETY IRELAND**

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Foreword



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SMSI strives to provide our members with educationally-enriching, fun-filled bonding, as well as meaningful and impactful outreach events. We strongly believe that a holistic calendar of events is key for a healthy, well-balanced and enjoyable university experience, in order to build the knowledge and character of our future healthcare professionals. Every year, we brainstorm for new event opportunities to surpass our Society's aims and objectives.

This handbook, specially curated for you, further supplements the talks we give to our prospective students. Here, you can expect to find essential tips and information for your application to ROI as well as learn more about SMSI.

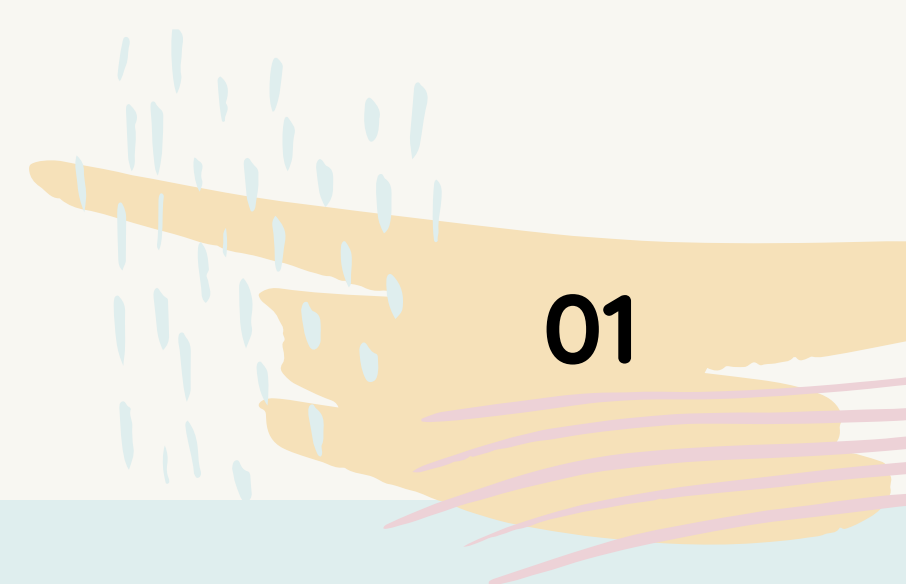
SMSI is always happy to answer questions and queries, as well as providing further information, should there be any so please stay connected with us!

All the best for your future application endeavours and we look forward to welcoming you to the SMSI family in the near future!

Best Wishes,

Teo Yu Qing, Jolene

On behalf of SMSI Committee 2020/21



About SMSI

Who are we?

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Our events cater mainly to current students and these encompass social gatherings, educational talks and community involvement projects. We are also in partnership with non-profitable organisations which organise yearly medical mission trips. We strongly encourage our members to attend these trips for a meaningful and enriching experience.

In addition, we provide guidance to prospective students who are considering studying in ROI, and our university peers (regardless of nationality) who are interested in working in Singapore within the near future.

Aims and Objectives:

SMSI works closely with the various healthcare clusters in Singapore to disseminate information from relevant organisations such as the Ministry of Health Holdings (MOHH). We are dedicated to providing support to our members over in the Republic of Ireland (ROI) and exploring opportunities that will ensure their smooth transition into Singapore's healthcare system.

Our main objectives are:

- To provide relevant up-to-date information for potential medical, dental and allied health students, allowing them to make an informed choice with respect to their educational journey in ROI.
- To provide relevant up-to-date information for members on training and career opportunities in Singapore.
- To serve as a platform for members to network with other like-minded Singaporean medical/dental/allied health students pursuing an education in ROI.
- To represent the common interests of all Singaporean medical/dental/allied health students pursuing an education in ROI.

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Our Partner Organisations and Benefactors

MOH HOLDINGS



Adding years of healthy life

NUHS

National University
Health System



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Medical
Association

For Doctors, For Patients



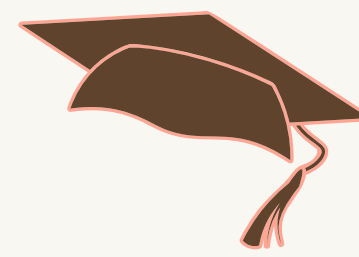
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Our Universities



SMSI comprises students from five medical schools in Republic of Ireland (ROI), namely:

1. National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG)
2. Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)
3. Trinity College Dublin (TCD)
4. University College Dublin (UCD)
5. University College Cork (UCC)

Additionally, students who are studying dentistry in ROI are also included as part of SMSI. The following schools offer dentistry as an undergraduate course:

1. Trinity College Dublin (TCD)
2. University College Cork (UCC)



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin



RCSI

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND
COLÁISTE RÍOGA NA MÁINLEÁ IN ÉIRINN



University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University



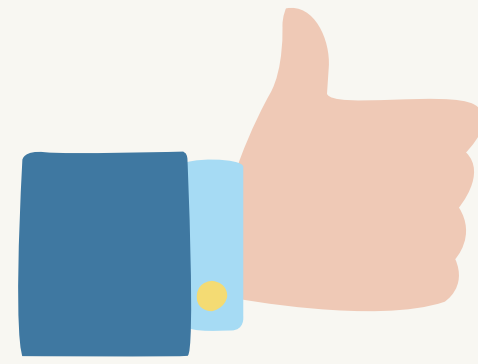
UCC

University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh



NUI Galway
OÉ Gaillimh

Universities Approved



For Medicine and Dentistry:

Due to the recent "REVISION TO LIST OF OVERSEAS MEDICAL SCHOOLS FOR REGISTRATION TO PRACTISE IN SINGAPORE" published on 18th April 2019, with effect of 1st January 2020, only Trinity College Dublin (TCD) will remain accredited by Singapore Medical Council (SMC). Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and University College Cork (UCC) will still remain accredited by Singapore Dental Council (SDC).



Trinity College Dublin
Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath
The University of Dublin



UCC
University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

Singaporean and Permanent Resident students who have secured places in UCD, UCC, RCSI and NUIG Medical programmes before 1 January 2020 will not be affected by the change.

FOR OFFER HOLDERS: As long as your University's Letter of Offer for entry to medicine is dated before 1 January 2020, you will be eligible to apply for employment and Medical registration. It does not matter if you enrol later e.g. in 2021. Please ensure that you keep the offer letter and other application documents in good order as these documents may be needed to support your application for employment/medical registration in the near future.

For Allied Healthcare:

Allied Healthcare courses are offered in Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and University College Dublin (UCD) which are recognised by the Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC). Courses offered include: (i) Diagnostic Radiography; (ii) Occupational Therapy; (iii) Physiotherapy; (iv) Speech and Language Therapy.



Trinity College Dublin
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University College Dublin
Ireland's Global University

Admission & Application Process



Before choosing the school to apply for...

There are several factors that you should research on before shortlisting your future schools, especially when you are making a decision to pursue your studies in a Medical school that may not allow you to return to Singapore to work in the local healthcare clusters.

1. Explore each school personally, especially the course outline and the curriculum.
2. Ask yourself what your goals of pursuing Medicine or Dentistry or Allied Healthcare are.
3. If you are contemplating on choosing a school that is not in the reviewed "List of overseas medical schools with registrable basic medical qualifications", you should consider your goals and aims of pursuing Medicine & whether you will be able to serve these goals in another healthcare system outside of Singapore.

Admission Requirements

- No extra admission tests are needed!
- For Medicine and Dentistry: students are encouraged to score at least all As for H2 subjects ('A' Level) or 40 points IB, in order to be competitive when applying for the universities in ROI.
- For Allied Healthcare:
 - Trinity College Dublin (TCD): AAA/C ('A' Levels) or 34-36 points IB
 - University College Dublin (UCD): AAA/B ('A' Levels) or 36-40 points IB

Admission &



Application Process



How to apply?

For Medicine/Dentistry in TCD, UCD, UCC and NUIG

Applications are done through the Irish Universities & Medical School Consortium (IUMC) Singapore.

1. Applications are open all year long before year of intake.
2. Applications close end of March of year of intake.
3. IUMC Open House dates are in early March of year of intake.
 - Interviews with college deans happen during the Open House
 - Exact dates will be announced once confirmed; dates differ year to year
4. There are 2 rounds of interviews:
 - One with college dean of the Open House day and another with Dr. Stanley Quek of IUMC
 - IUMC Interviews occur between March and May of the year of intake

Note: Medicine in UCC, UCD and NUIG are no longer accredited by Singapore Medical Council (SMC).

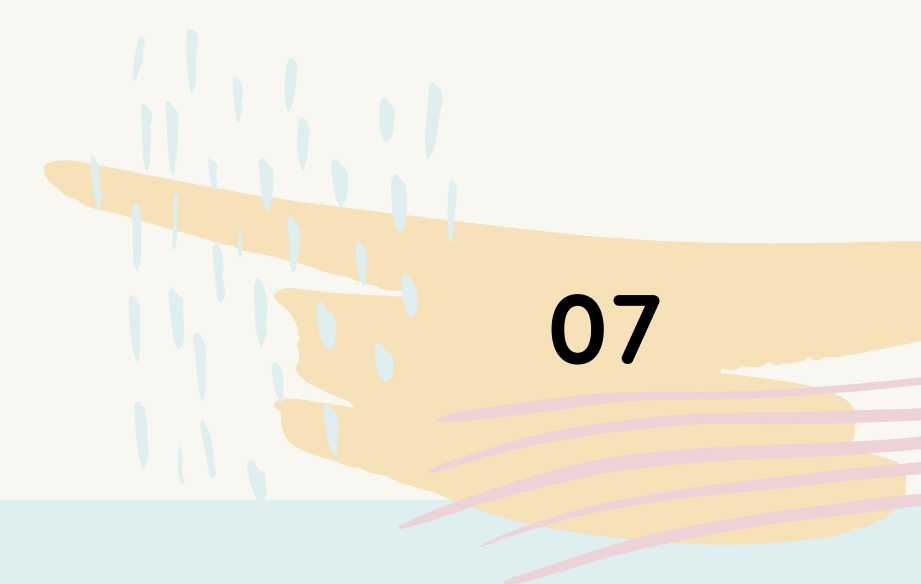
For Medicine in RCSI

Singaporean applicants (for Medicine only) who are looking to apply to Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) can apply directly through RCSI's portal. The undergraduate Medicine programme is either five or six years long, to be decided by the RCSI Admissions team. Applications are open from November to February each year.

Note: RCSI is no longer accredited by Singapore Medical Council (SMC).

For Allied Healthcare

Applications are made directly on the school's portal.



National Service (NS) Deferment



- You are only able to apply to ROI the year before your academic intake. IUMC will not be able to hold a spot for you as there is NO deferred entry for Irish Universities.
- Do note that overseas Medical or Dental universities are NOT applicable for NS deferment.

Costs and Fees



For Medicine and Dentistry.

- Generally, for International Students applying through IUMC, fees are standardised to approximately €39,000 a year for both Medicine and Dentistry. However, fees may vary depending on your intake.
- For RCSI Medicine: €56,135, subjected to annual increases. The inflationary increase has been in the order of 2% per annum for the past number of years.

For Allied Healthcare

Fees can be found at the respective schools' websites.

Scholarships and Grants



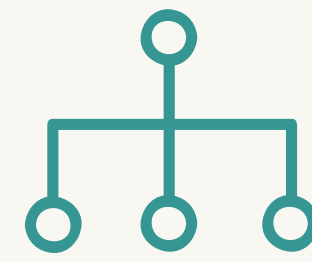
For Medicine

- MOHH Pre-employment Grant (PEG): applications open in your 4th or 5th year of studies.
- The Lee Foundation Overseas Medical Bursary Education Fund; applicants will be considered based on financial need, academic performance and co-curricular achievements. Their gross monthly per capita household income should be S\$1,900 or less.

For Allied Healthcare

- Healthcare Merit Award

Course Structure



Medicine

For most schools, there are 2 pre-clinical years and 3 clinical years.

- Pre-clinical years are a mix of tutorials and lectures, with teachings in dissection theatres and laboratories.
- Clinical years will consist of teaching that is more focused in clinical medicine and subjects such as pathology, pharmacology & public health medicine. Most of the time will be spent at university teaching hospitals.

Dentistry

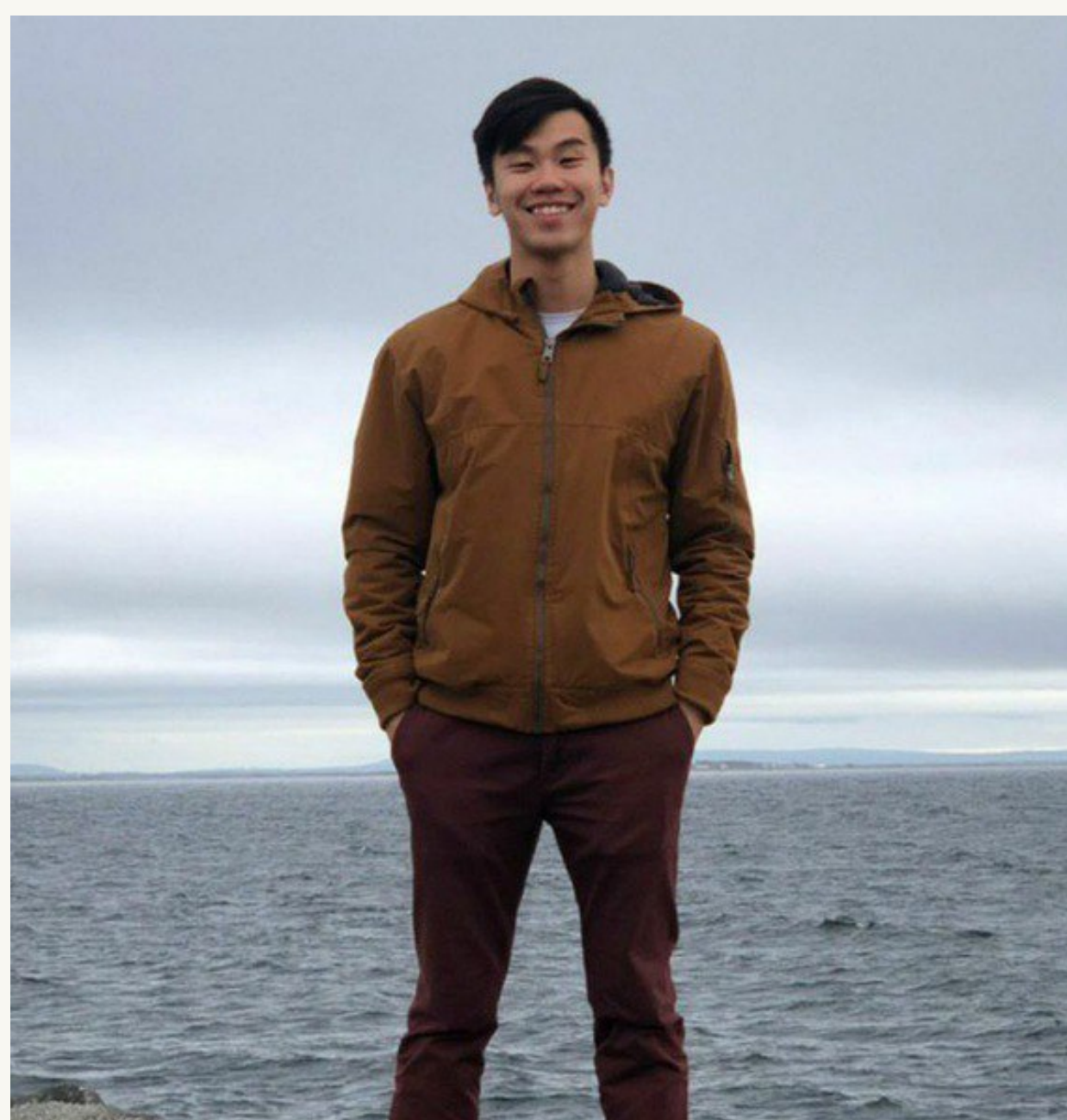
Follows a similar structure of 2 pre-clinical years and 3 clinical years.

- Pre-clinical years emphasize on the study of biological sciences and pays significant attention to skills including communication. Students commence patient treatment in the clinical setting early in second year.
- During later years, the focus moves increasingly towards clinical training and development of psychomotor skills.

Allied Healthcare

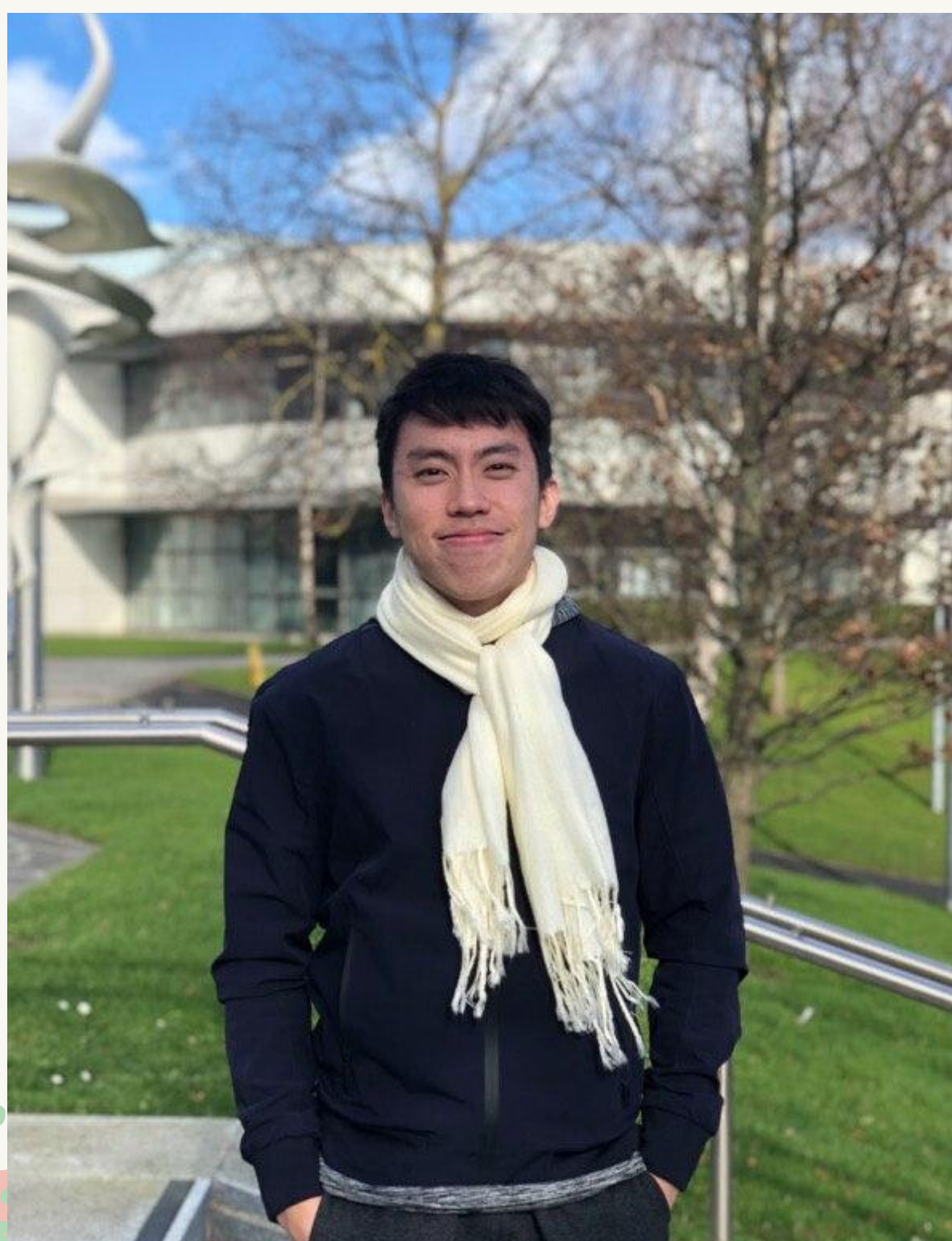
Course structure varies greatly among the various Allied Healthcare courses as well as different universities. It is best to visit the websites of our various universities and courses to find out more information.

Why come to Republic of Ireland?



"Irish medical schools boast international student bodies – meeting motivated yet culturally diverse students opened my eyes to the world. Being far away from home and your usual circle of support also forged my independence, and allowed me to define myself and thus grow as an individual."

-- Neo Wee Xuan Y5 Medicine NUIG



"Studying overseas brings a plethora of new experiences, be it making lifelong friends, embarking on new adventures or cultivating independence. You will be exposed to different cultures, face new challenges and develop new perspectives"

-- Bryan Lim Y2 Medicine UCD

Final Notes



The contents of this handbook are meant to be a guide on the available options and details to kick-start your applications. We have tried our best to present the latest and most up-to-date information in this booklet. We still strongly advise all interested applicants to check with the relevant organisations if you have any queries. Do note that ALL admission requirements are subject to changes by IUMC or the individual universities.

Useful Links



www.iumc.com.sg/index.php

www.smsireland.org/

www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/smc/

<https://www.healthprofessionals.gov.sg/sdc>

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to assist.



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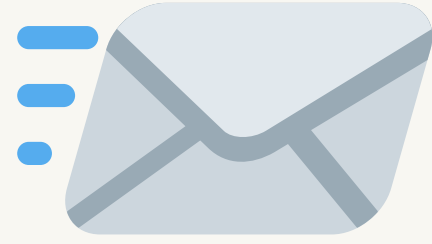
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