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**Queen's School of Medicine
International Applicant Guide**

Questions?

Please email queensmd@queensu.ca
or call (613) 533-3307.



Queen's University admits up to a maximum of five international students (non-Canadian citizens, non-permanent residents) to the School of Medicine's undergraduate program per year. If accepted into the program, international students are responsible for ensuring that all licensing requirements of the country in which they intend to practice medicine are fulfilled.

APPLICATION PROCESS

For September 2017 enrolment, applicants must submit documents directly to Queen's University School of Medicine Admissions Office. Applicants may also apply through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre's Ontario Medical Schools (OMSAS) process. The deadline to apply is Friday June 30, 2017.

Requirements for Admission

- Grade Point Average/Transcripts
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)
- Autobiographical Sketch
- Three reference letters
- TOEFL scores (if applicable)

Grade Point Average/Transcripts

Applicants must have completed (or be in their final year of study of) the equivalent of a Canadian four-year university bachelor's (honours) degree. No specific course pre-requisites are required.

Applicants from within Canada or the United States must submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions they have attended. All transcripts must arrive in a sealed endorsed envelope from the institution.

Applicants attending university outside Canada or the United States must have their academic credentials assessed for Canadian equivalency by the [World Education Services \(WES\)](#). A course by course



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evaluation, with an overall grade point average is required. Applicants must arrange to have their university transcripts sent directly to WES in time to have the assessment completed, and will be responsible for any applicable costs.

MCAT

Applicants are required to write the [Medical College Admission Test \(MCAT\)](#). MCAT scores will be accepted provided the test was written no more than five years prior to the application deadline for this program.

Autobiographical Sketch

Applicants are required to submit an autobiographical sketch that addresses the following items:

- Formal education
- Employment
- Volunteer activities
- Extra-curricular activities
- Awards & accomplishments
- Publications & research
- Other

The autobiographical sketch will be assessed based on the quality of listed items and the characteristics they represent, not on the number of items listed. The applicant must list the length of time that each activity took place, the location, and a brief description, which can be in point form. Please ensure that the items selected for inclusion are relevant to a medical school application.

Fees

Each international student enrolled in Queen's School of Medicine is responsible for paying annual fees. These fees include tuition, student activity fees, and a university health insurance premium.

Please note: These fees are subject to change each academic year. The fees listed do not include books and equipment, housing and food, or other living expenses. There are no admissions scholarships or bursaries available to international students at this time.

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Reference Letters

Applicants are required to submit three (3) reference letters along with accompanying Confidential Assessment Forms with their application. These letters should be written in English and will be considered as part of the assessment of the application.

When selecting a referee to submit a letter on your behalf please consider the following points:

- The referee will be able to speak highly of your personal qualities, as well as be able to provide examples;
- The referee will have time to complete and submit the letter and Confidential Assessment Form prior to the deadline;
- The length of time the referee has known you;
- Graduate students should include their immediate supervisor as one of the referees;
- Not all references need to be academic; academic qualifications are represented in other parts of the application;
- Family members should not be used as referees;
- The prestige or status of a referee is irrelevant and will not be considered as part of the assessment.

To be considered, the applicant's Confidential Assessment Forms and reference letters must be received by Queens's School of Medicine by application deadline. It is each applicant's responsibility to ensure they have selected three appropriate referees who will submit a Confidential Assessment Form and a reference letter.

Click here to download the Confidential Assessment Form.

Proficiency in the English Language

The Queen's Medical School Curriculum is conducted entirely in English. Proficiency in English is a prerequisite for admission. Those applicants whose native languages do not include English will be required to obtain satisfactory standing in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) proficiency test, and before final acceptance is granted. Any applicant who has recently studied for at least one complete year at a university where English is the official language of instruction may be exempt from the English Language Proficiency Test. An applicant requesting a waiver of the test for this reason should do so in writing and submit it with the application. The Medical School Admissions Committee will make determinations in these cases.

The Queen's School of Medicine requires the following minimum TOEFL scores:

TOEFL Internet-based Test (TOEFL iBT):	100
TOEFL Paper based Tests:	600

INTERVIEWS

In order to evaluate non-academic qualities of applicants an interview will be required for those applicants who are successful with their file review.

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ADMISSIONS OFFER CHECKLIST & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All offers of acceptance are conditional on the student maintaining an academic standing acceptable to the Admissions Committee and on completion of the required degree. Students must also meet the following requirements:

- Immunizations
- Police check
- CPR

Immunizations

Students are required to be immunized against certain diseases before they enter the clinical setting. These requirements must be fulfilled in order to meet the standards set out in the Public Hospitals Act, Section 4.2, Ontario Regulations 965. The information collected will be used to ensure that these standards are met in order for students to participate in clinical activities. Failure to comply with the [Communicable Disease Policy](#) may lead to limited participation in clinical aspects of the MD program and/or successful completion of the program could be compromised.

Police check

In recognition of the requirements of the clinical agencies and the Faculty's responsibility to ensure that its health sciences students do not place vulnerable populations at additional risk, the School of Medicine requires, as a condition of admission, that students

provide a current police record check and a Vulnerable Sector Screening. The police record check includes a check of the applicant's local state, province and/or country police record and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) national Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) database. Queen's reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission based on the results of the police record check.

CPR

Students are required to provide a photocopy of their CPR Basic Rescuer Course Certificate Level C. First Aid is not required.

Level C (and up) includes the following:

- AED Training
- CPR for Adults
- CPR for Children
- CPR for Infants
- Adult/Child Two Person CPR

Students are responsible for ensuring that their CPR Level C certification is up to date and remains valid throughout the medical degree program. The School of Medicine does not provide CPR certification as part of its curriculum.