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Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, University of Medicine and Health Sciences



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About **RCSI**

Imagine a medical school in the heart of one of Europe's most popular and cosmopolitan cities. Imagine a university rich in history boasting state-of-the-art facilities. Imagine a university that is home to students, lecturers and researchers from around the world. Imagine yourself here, with us, at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

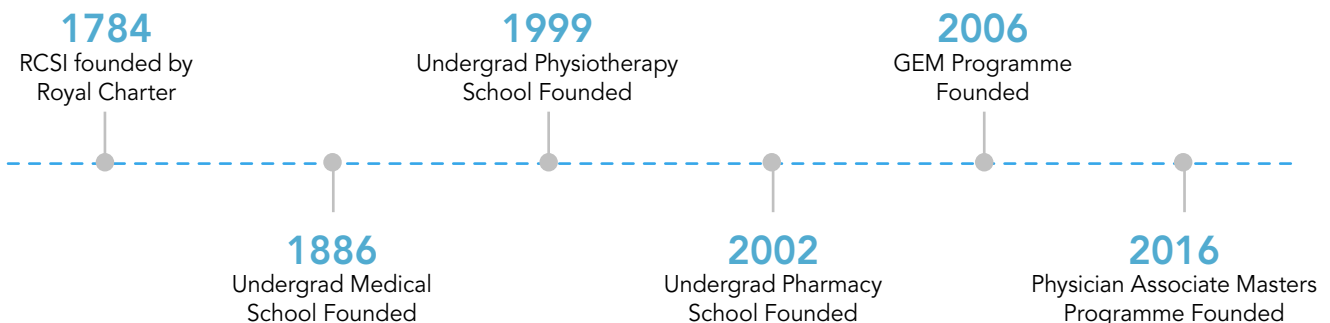
Established in 1784, RCSI was founded to set and support the standards for surgical training and practice in Ireland, something that continues to this day.

Today we are an innovative, world leading international health sciences education and research university with undergraduate and postgraduate schools and faculties across the health sciences spectrum.

RCSI is headquartered in Dublin and has over 60 nationalities represented within our undergraduate student population. With additional campuses in Bahrain (RCSI Medical University of Bahrain) and Malaysia (RCSI UCD Malaysia Campus), we are one of the largest international medical schools in the world.

Unlike the other Irish medical schools, all of whom are part of large multi faculty, government funded universities, RCSI is an independent, not for profit, institution with a singular focus on health sciences, largely independent of state funding. This focus and independence allows us to pursue our own priorities in the pursuit of excellence in medical education, training and research.

RCSI is ranked in the top 250 universities in the world and in the top 175 for clinical, pre-clinical and health related subjects (Times Higher World University Rankings 2019).







Our **Promise**

Our mission at RCSI 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, at RCSI we aim to enhance human health through endeavor, innovation and collaboration.

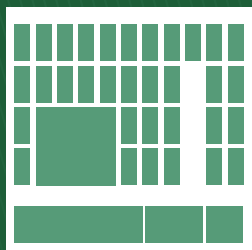
Over two centuries ago, the founders of this college embarked on a journey of their own and they committed to an enduring promise to define a universal standard of care, for all patients.

Your journey will follow in the path of former students who have embraced this promise from advancing patient care across geographical boundaries, to providing care and education where there is none.

This enduring commitment to our promise continues to drive our commitment to you; fulfilling our shared responsibility for human health in one of the world's leading clinical simulation environments where our leading clinicians are also your leading teachers and our research is leading us to scientific breakthroughs, transforming patient care into the future.



Why Study **at RCSI**



Unique
learning
environment
in the **heart**
of **Dublin City**

Ireland's largest Medical
School with Students
from **60 countries**



Home to
Europe's largest
clinical simulation facility



Times Higher Education
World University
Rankings 2019

Study in an environment with
a **single focus on healthcare**,
where you are **taught by**
leading clinicians and
research active biomedical
scientists



18,000 alumni in 97 countries



Dublin

Dublin is the perfect city for student living. It is exciting, multicultural, safe, and easy to navigate. The city is packed with attractions for local and international students alike. Whether you are looking for 24-hour coffee houses, theatres, music, sports fixtures, museums or any form of entertainment, our cosmopolitan capital caters for every taste.

Dublin is a coastal city with incredible natural beauty from the beaches and walks along Dublin Bay to the forested Wicklow Mountains. There are so many interesting places to visit and explore, most of which are easily accessible through a convenient public transport network.

Dublin is also a gateway to continental Europe with direct flights to most countries. During their time in RCSI, many students avail of the opportunity to explore the European continent.

The capital has a population of 1.5 million, including 75,000 students. This makes the city big enough to have a lively social life and small enough for international students to feel they are part of Dublin life.



Voted in the
top 10
safe cities
(Global Peace Index 2018)

Voted in the
top 10
cities to visit
(National Geographic 2018)

Ireland ranked
in the
top 10
countries for
International
Student
Satisfaction
(The Study Portals 2016/2017)



School of Medicine

RCSI offers a five/six year undergraduate medicine degree programme for school leavers and a four-year graduate entry medicine programme to students applying with a bachelor's degree.

My experience during my first semester here at RCSI surpassed all of my expectations. Being one of the world's only specialist health sciences universities with a cutting edge clinical simulation facility, it offers us a unique healthcare environment to learn and practice clinical skills.

Saleh Aljundi,
Syria/Saudi Arabia, Medicine





Medicine

At RCSI, we produce Medicine graduates who are not only knowledgeable in the science of medicine but are also exceptionally well trained clinicians. You will study in an innovative learning environment, where early clinical exposure is a priority, and the emphasis is on learning by doing.

In the early years of the programme, you will receive a solid foundation in the sciences and study the normal functioning body. In the intermediate years, you will move into the clinical setting and examine the diseases of the body. During this period, you will have the opportunity to develop your clinical, communication and professional skills in a variety of settings. To develop these skills, you will avail of Europe's most advanced clinical simulation facilities, which sit within the main RCSI campus.

Your clinical skills will be put into practice in the final two years of the programme, when you will be based in a number of RCSI affiliated hospitals, completing discipline specific clinical rotations under the supervision of highly skilled specialists.

Course Duration	5/6 years
Degree Awarded	MB, BCh,BAO (Hons)
Number of Non-EU Places	220

Advanced Clinical Skills Training

Clinical skills training begins in first year when you study anatomy through regional cadaveric dissection and benefit from being taught by highly experienced surgeons who bring their clinical experience into the learning environment.

You will develop these skills using a combination of patient case studies, consultation labs, medical actors, volunteer patients and high fidelity clinical simulator technologies.

You will be trained to an advanced level of competence using our simulation facilities before engaging with patients in real life clinical settings giving you great confidence before you enter the clinical environment in the final years of the programme.

Please visit
rcsi.com/dublin/med for further details

School of Medicine

Graduate Entry Medicine



As a GEM student from the U.S., one of the most endearing aspects of RCSI is the collaborative atmosphere. The small group teaching method in GEM and state-of-the-art facilities mean that we are learning in a very supportive and innovative environment. Coupled with world class professors and a vastly diverse student population, RCSI is truly special in that it prepares you not only to become an excellent physician and team member, but also a true global citizen.

Christopher Woodward,
USA, GEM



Graduate Entry Medicine

This accelerated programme is designed for students with an undergraduate degree who wish to pursue a career in medicine. From semester one, the programme is career focused and contact with patients in a hospital setting is introduced at an early stage.

In first year, you will be taught in a dedicated teaching facility on the main St Stephen's Green campus. The programme is renowned for its small group-teaching, allowing students to get to know their lecturers and obtain regular feedback in a supportive learning environment.

In second year, you will spend most of your time in RCSI's dedicated teaching space at Connolly Hospital in Blanchardstown, Dublin.

In the final two years of the programme, you will learn from highly skilled specialists working in a variety of hospitals and primary care settings throughout Ireland ranging from urban referral hospitals to regional hospitals and primary care settings.

This combination of teaching in tertiary and primary care sites helps you to develop high levels of clinical confidence and competence, preparing you for practice after graduation.

Course Duration	4 years
Degree Awarded	MB, BCh,BAO (Hons)
Number of Non-EU Places	52

Graduates who are Career Ready

RCSI was the first medical school in the Republic of Ireland to introduce a graduate entry medicine (GEM) programme in 2006, enabling students from a range of undergraduate backgrounds to study medicine.

Please visit
rcsi.com/dublin/gem for further details



School of Pharmacy

From year one on the programme, we were practicing clinical skills and participated in patient consultation labs. The lectures are well structured and you learn the value of teamwork across all healthcare professions. I also had the opportunity to take part in research with the Health Research Board through the Research Summer School organised in the college which was a fantastic learning experience.

Chiamaka Chiedozie,
Nigeria, Pharmacy





Pharmacy

A pharmacist is a healthcare professional with expertise in medicines, knowing both why medicines work and how they improve the health and wellbeing of patients. RCSI's MPharm (Master of Pharmacy) programme seamlessly integrates the study of the pharmaceutical sciences with clinical application in the practice setting.

These skills open up exciting and varied career pathways for you to follow, from those in patient-facing settings to opportunities in drug development in the pharmaceutical industry. RCSI's MPharm graduates are fully qualified to practice as pharmacists in Ireland and throughout the EU immediately after graduation.

Clinically focused from the outset, you will participate in a variety of patient consultation labs and patient case studies in first year. In the second semester of second year, you will meet patients on a weekly basis in a community pharmacy setting.

In third year, you will participate in rotational hospital pharmacy placements where you will have the opportunity to visit and engage with patients, pharmacists and other healthcare professionals in maternity, pediatric, psychiatric and cancer care hospital sites. You will also complete a mental health first aid training course.

During year four, you will be on placement for four to six months – either in a pharmaceutical industry setting, regulation, education or another non traditional setting.

Course Duration	5 years
Degree Awarded	BSc (Hons), MPharm
Number of Non-EU Places	20

In year five, you will complete an 8 month patient facing placement. At the end of the year, you will sit your professional registration exams to apply for registration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland and to practice as a fully qualified pharmacist after graduation.

Please visit

rcsi.com/dublin/pharm for further details



School of Physiotherapy

I moved to Ireland from Australia to study Physiotherapy at RCSI. I chose Dublin as a destination as the people are so friendly and easy going and the city has a vibrant culture with plenty to do. RCSI has incredible facilities with world class educators and practitioners teaching us and the small class size means that we get great hands on teaching from very early on in the programme.

Ciara Patton,
Australia, Physiotherapy





Physiotherapy

The physiotherapist is a key member of the multidisciplinary healthcare team and works with patients whose movements are reduced or undermined by ageing, disease, environmental factors or sporting injuries. This is done through training and education in a variety of clinical settings. RCSI offers a four year BSc Physiotherapy degree programme for school leavers and a three year graduate entry programme to students applying with a bachelor's degree.

At RCSI, you will be taught to a high level of practice, particularly in the final three years to ensure you are fully qualified to work in any clinical setting after graduation. In second year, most of your clinical training will take place on campus where you will get a solid foundation in basic physiotherapy skills in preparation for six sets of five week clinical placements in your third and fourth years.

The University offers a wide range of high-quality clinical placements in hospitals and rehabilitation facilities in Dublin and throughout Ireland.

As an RCSI physiotherapy graduate, you will be career-ready and in high demand with a highly portable degree. Many of our graduates have found employment in a variety of hospital settings and secured positions in a number of overseas locations including Singapore, Hong Kong, North America and Australia.

Course Duration	3/4 years
Degree Awarded	BSc Physiotherapy (Hons)
Number of Non-EU Places	5

Please visit

rcsi.com/dublin/physio for further details



Building for The Future



26 York Street

A new addition to the RCSI city centre campus and recently voted by the Irish public as Ireland's favourite building at the RIAI Irish Architecture Awards 2018 – 26 York Street is the most advanced clinical healthcare simulation centre in Europe. It represents a huge leap forward for clinical training, reinforcing RCSI's place at the forefront of healthcare education.

Facilities at 26 York Street also include an extensive library, and a top quality sports centre.

Library

RCSI Library provides students with easy access to the best available biomedical information resources, supported by quality services and spaces and an expert team. Learning how to find, access and evaluate information is an integral part of your studies in RCSI and our skilled team is here to help you make the most of our information and research services.

RCSI Library has extensive print and online biomedical collections connecting you to essential resources needed to support your studies. Connect anywhere, anytime to our online collections. With locations at York Street and Beaumont Hospital, RCSI Library provides a wide variety of technology rich learning environments to support collaborative and individual study. Find your unique place in which to research, write, collaborate and learn.

Sports Centre

The sports centre spans two floors of the award winning building and provides students with the very best facilities to help balance academia with a fit and healthy lifestyle. The extensive opening hours mean that it is open when it suits you be it an early session to wake you up, a lunchtime workout to invigorate your afternoons' study or a late night class to finish your day strong.

The fitness centre caters for complete beginners to regular exercisers and is fitted out with premium gym equipment.





2 Clinical simulation labs

1 A mock operating theatre

8 Hospital rooms

10 Clinical outpatient rooms

Clinical Skills Training

The centrepiece of the York Street building is its multi disciplinary National Surgical & Clinical Skills Training Centre, the first of its kind outside the United States.

Across three floors, you learn technical and non technical skills in a controlled environment. This training centre is designed to give students an immersive, realistic and emotionally rich experience, mirroring what you will find in the real clinical environment.

Below the surgical training centre, there is a flexible working space where you learn invasive technical skills, as well as crucial non technical skills like human factors and patient safety.



The entire building is equipped with a technology enhanced learning system. This audiovisual and centre management system connects the simulation based learning environments with top performance assessment tools, facilitating the recording of student communication and clinical skills training sessions and enabling tutors to continuously monitor and assess your progress.

Smurfit Building Beaumont Hospital

To improve the learning experience for our students, we continue to invest in research and education facilities. A complete upgrade and extension of our Smurfit Building at Beaumont Hospital has recently been completed including a new student concourse with a fully catered café; large flexible multi functional tutorial rooms, open-plan faculty offices and meeting spaces and new laboratory and research facilities. RCSI Medicine students will spend a lot of time in the Smurfit Building, attached to general medical and surgical teams during clinical skills training and participating in research activities.



A photograph of a student with dark hair, wearing a white tank top and black leggings with a white stripe, climbing a rock wall. The wall is covered in various colorful climbing holds (red, orange, blue, yellow, green). The student is in a dynamic pose, reaching up with one hand and stepping with the other. The background is a solid purple color with a faint geometric pattern.

Student Life

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Clubs, Societies and Events

As an RCSI student, you will find yourself immersed in a mixed community of Irish and international students. While the academic programmes are demanding, it is essential for students to take time away from the books to find a suitable study/life balance.

Extracurricular activities help develop skills, values and attitudes and our graduates often remind us of the importance of participating in student life and how it gave them the edge in their postgraduate training and chosen careers.

There are over 70 societies and clubs to choose from including drama, music, photography and publishing. Our careers societies include pediatrics, neuroscience, pathology and ophthalmology.

There are over 30 sports clubs, including archery, athletics and climbing, in addition to team sports such as soccer, rugby, hockey and basketball. Whatever sporting interests you have, you will find it represented at RCSI.

In addition to supporting the clubs to participate in intervarsity competitions, the University also seeks to support teams in overseas challenges. Our rugby

team travel to France for an annual fixture with a medical school based in Paris and, for over 20 years, we have sent our runners to compete in the Boston Marathon.

When it comes to student events, the calendar is busy all year round. Popular events include the College Ball, Food Night, Chocolate Ball and the Teddy Bear Hospital. The cultural diversity within RCSI is celebrated throughout the year. However, March is International Month at RCSI with the highlight being International Night when cultures and traditions are celebrated in an evening of music and dance.





While taking on the practical responsibilities of cooking and shopping, on campus living gives you a wonderful opportunity to forge new friendships and networks.

On campus is also convenient as, unlike the private rental market, all utilities (light, heat and that all important internet) are in place as soon as you arrive. The Student Services Office will help you with your accommodation needs. The office manages the RCSI on campus accommodation and will also help you to source off campus options, which in Dublin is usually one or two bedroom apartments from within the private rental market.

Accommodation

There are on campus and off campus accommodation options available. Our on campus accommodation at Mercer Court and New Mill Street is popular with students who are joining university for the first time, particularly students from overseas locations, whereas graduate entrant students often prefer to live off campus.

For students joining university for the first time, our on campus accommodation provides an easier transition into life away from home as you will be part of a community of students on a similar journey.





Career Development

It is expected that you will acquire core knowledge and clinical skills of the highest possible standard during your time at RCSI. But what will set you apart from other healthcare graduates? What will make the difference when it comes to your career advancement? Do you know what medical area you wish to practise in and how to get there?

RCSI's career development team is focused on helping you to identify your career goals and to acquire the skills, knowledge and capabilities you need to manage your career progression. We provide access to high quality healthcare information and services, and a top-class career development service delivered by experienced and knowledgeable practitioners.

1. Careers Service

Through one to one appointments, small and large group briefings and workshops, the career development service assists students in making well informed choices about their chosen careers. They develop personalised career plans and obtain extensive careers information reflective of the students' desired career pathway.

2. North American Residency Preparation

RCSI has developed a roadmap that promotes exam success for each pathway to residency and internship. For students interested in post graduation clinical practice in North America, including internship and residencies, RCSI has developed distinct programmes to support them known as the Pathway to Residency in Canada and Pathway to Residency in America programmes.



Clinical Electives

Participation in clinical electives is restricted to medical students who are about to enter Senior Cycle 2 (the final year of the medical course). Through a network of strategic international partnerships, including with the Johns Hopkins Hospital Group, Columbia University Medical Centre and Mayo Clinic, the College offers a significant number of overseas clinical elective opportunities for final year students. You can compete for these electives at the start of Senior Cycle 1.

The clinical electives team will also provide you with advice and administrative support during the crucial time window when you are applying for overseas clinical electives whether those electives are for networking, specialty 'fit testing' or to enhance prospects of matching to overseas residency training programmes.

Research

1. Research Summer School

RCSI provides students with opportunities to undertake clinical or laboratory research as part of a medical research team and receive a financial stipend from RCSI over the eight weeks.

2. RCSI Student Medical Journal

The RCSI SMJ publishes student research ranging from basic laboratory science and clinical work to humanities analysis of medicine in society.

3. Funded Research Opportunities

Two Anatomy Summer Studentships are offered each summer in an institutional research laboratory to RCSI undergraduates with the aim of providing interested students with the opportunity to investigate aspects of anatomical research and its applications.

4. Overseas Research Electives

Electives are short term work placements in which students gain experience in either research or clinical environments and are facilitated through the careers office and RCSI's Global Alumni Network.





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ANYWHERE***





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SERVICE OF
PATIENTS ACROSS
THE GLOBE*



Alumni Profiles



Dr Houriya Kazim

Class of 1988
Breast Surgeon at Well Woman
Clinic, UAE

Dr Ryan McCormick (Class of 2014)
and **Dr Benjamin LaBrot** (Class of 2006),
Founders, The Floating Doctors

Dr Adanna Steinacker

Class of 2015
Founder & CEO
Medics Abroad Ltd



Application Essentials

Some of the most frequent academic programmes with which non-EU school leavers apply to our undergraduate courses are outlined in the table below. We do accept many other school leaving academic programmes – more details are available on our website.

If you are applying for a graduate entry place (in medicine, pharmacy or physiotherapy), these are assessed on the basis of a competitive grade point average in your primary degree. GEM applicants, you will also be required to provide an MCAT or GAMSAT score in addition to your primary degree.

The fees shown are for the academic year 2019/20.

Full information on entry requirements, fees and how to apply can be found at www.rcsi.com/Dublin

Entry Requirements	Non-EU tuition fees	How to apply
<p>As a guide, students who present with the following academic qualifications are eligible to apply for the five year medicine degree programme:</p> <p>American or Canadian High School Diploma Students must present a minimum GPA of 3.5 in the AHSD (minimum average score of 85% in the CHSD) and three Advanced Placements with minimum scores of 4 in Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Calculus</p> <p>A Levels Students must present a minimum of three A level subjects with a predicted or actual score of A,B,B in chemistry, biology and either physics or maths.</p> <p>IB Diploma Students must present a minimum of three Higher Level subjects and three Standard Level subjects to include a minimum score of five in Higher Level chemistry and either biology, physics or maths and a minimum overall score of 36 (inclusive of bonus points).</p>	<p>Undergraduate Medicine € 55,000</p> <p>Graduate Entry Medicine € 56,500</p> <p>Pharmacy and Physiotherapy Non-EU Fees €25,000</p> <p>Minus Bursary (€7,000)</p> <p>Fees payable €18,000</p> <p>Tuition fees are annual and subject to inflationary increases of approximately 2% per annum.</p>	<p>Non-EU students residing outside of North America apply directly to RCSI through our website rcsi.com/Dublin</p> <p>Applications open on 1 November and close on 1 February in the year of admission to the programme.</p> <p>Non-EU students residing in North America apply via our agent, Atlantic Bridge.</p> <p>The application should be made through the Atlantic Bridge website, www.atlanticbridge.com</p> <p>Atlantic Bridge applications open in mid-July and close on 1 February in the year of admission to the programme. North American interviews are held at the end of February and early application is advisable if you wish to be considered for a Round 1 interview. All places can be filled following Round 1 interviews and an application prior to mid-January is advisable.</p>

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