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American and Canadian applicants,
why choose to study with RCSI



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



RCSI Career Development Team

For decades, RCSI has been educating North American students and currently has an alumni network in excess of 2,000 graduates, many of whom are working in some of the most prestigious hospitals and healthcare institutions in the USA and Canada. For most North American students, the priority is to secure a competitive residency programme and get back to North America after graduation. RCSI faculty and the Career Development team work with students to maximise their ability to secure residency.

What we do:

Career Focused Development: on entry to RCSI students are encouraged to proactively engage in a series of practical career-focused workshops, attend hosted Canadian and US medical specialty talks and webinars, join the RCSI branches of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) and the Canadian International Medical Student Association (CIMSA) and avail of career consultations on campus or in the main Dublin teaching hospital sites so as to build an individual career plan with a goal of matching to a residency program on graduation.

Clinical Electives: in the final two years of the programme, the career development team co-host the annual International Clinical Electives Information Night. RCSI invests considerable time and resources to building relationships that in turn facilitate clinical electives with North American institutions of strategic importance. Access to the RCSI Mentor Network is facilitated for senior medical students to aid with their transition to the workplace.

Pathway to Residency Programs: we have developed distinct programs that support our students with their preparation for professional medical licensing examinations. Our team of professionals are well-informed on licensing and changing landscape requirements, ensuring our Pathways to Residency programs support the advancement of our graduates and returning international medical graduates.

US & Canada Residency: we facilitate a number of US Residency Programs to interview final year students on campus in Dublin. Each academic year US and Canadian Program Directors engage with students on key topics in support of preparation for residency application, formats include hosted presentations, webinar and recordings. Residency application focused advice is supplemented with recent matched graduates providing guidance.

Pathway to Residency: Class of 2018

The ability of American and Canadian graduates to secure Residency in North America after completing their medical program overseas is essential. The range of clinical specialties and location of Residencies secured by the Class of 2018 in both Canada and the USA are shown below.

USA

Hospital / Institution	Residency Program	State
Albany Medical Center	Internal Medicine	NY
Albany Medical Center	Orthopaedic Surgery	NY
Allegheny General Hospital	Internal Medicine	PA
Allegheny General Hospital	Pathology	PA
Baystate Medical Center	Internal Medicine	MA
Broward Health Medical Center	Orthopaedic Surgery	FL
Cincinnati Childrens Hosp MC	Pediatrics	OH
Greater Baltimore Med Center	Medicine-Preliminary	MD
Icahn SOM at Mount Sinai	Internal Medicine	NY
Icahn SOM St Lukes-Roosevelt	Internal Medicine	NY
JFK Medical Center	Family Medicine	NJ
Lahey Clinic	Internal Medicine	MA
LSU SOM-New Orleans	Internal Medicine	LA
Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ	Anesthesiology	MN
Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ	Emergency Medicine	MN
Mayo Clinic School of Grad Med Educ	Internal Medicine	AZ
Monmouth Medical Center	Pediatrics	NJ
Morristown Memorial Hospital	Internal Medicine	NJ
Newark Beth Israel Med Center	Pediatrics	NJ
NYU Langone Hosp-Brooklyn	Family Medicine	NY
Pennsylvania Hospital	Internal Medicine	PA
Stanford University Programs	Surgery-Preliminary	CA
SUNY HSC Brooklyn	Pediatrics	NY
UCF COM/GME Consortium	Internal Medicine/Gainesville	FL
Univ of Vermont Medical Center	Internal Medicine	VM
University of Connecticut	Surgery-Preliminary	CT
UPMC Medical Education	Psychiatry/General/Child	PA
Yale-New Haven Hospital	Ob-Gyn/Preliminary	CT
Yale-New Haven Hospital	Surgery-Preliminary	CT

CANADA

Hospital / Institution	Residency Program	Province
Dalhousie University	Family Medicine	NS
McGill University	Family Medicine	QC
McMaster University	Family Medicine	ON
McMaster University	Obstetrics and Gynecology	ON
McMaster University	Pediatrics	ON
Memorial University	Family Medicine	NL
Queens University	Family Medicine	ON
Queens University	Pediatrics	ON
Queens University	Psychiatry	ON
Universite de Sherbrooke	Family Medicine	QC
University of British Columbia	Internal Medicine	BC
University of Manitoba	Family Medicine	MA
University of Ottawa	Family Medicine	ON
University of Ottawa	Pediatrics	ON
University of Ottawa	Psychiatry	ON
University of Saskatchewan	Family Medicine	SK
University of Toronto	Anesthesiology	ON
University of Toronto	Dermatology	ON
University of Toronto	Family Medicine	ON
University of Toronto	General Surgery	ON
University of Toronto	Neurology	ON
University of Toronto	Pediatrics	ON
University of Toronto	Psychiatry	ON
Western University	Family Medicine	ON
Western University	Internal Medicine	ON
Western University	Orthopedic Surgery	ON



Career Development

Pathway to Residency: Career Development
RCSI has a tradition of educating students from North America with almost 25% of the student population coming from Canada and the USA. Faculty and students work together in order to ensure that students are competitive candidates when applying for residency. The Center for Mastery: Personal, Professional & Academic Success (CoMPPAS) Career Development team will work with you to develop an individual career strategy for residency. Careerhub is our online platform which provides access to your career portfolio, resources, events, workshops and consultations.

Career Discovery

Led by the RCSI Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Passport for Success program is designed to assist with your integration and understanding of what contributes to your academic success. Time is carved out in this program, year by year, to specifically support you with planning your medical career. The CoMPPAS Career Development team host a series of practical workshops where together we will work with you to understand and build the core elements of your career portfolio that best supports the goal of residency.



Career Choice

Each Semester the CoMPPAS Career Development team provides opportunities to engage and build upon your achievements to support your career goals. We host both Canadian and US specific medical specialty talks with visiting clinicians and utilise video conferencing webinars ensuring our students are kept abreast of current labor market trends, medical licensing and residency match specifics. Career consultations are available in our city center campus and also in our clinical teaching sites at Beaumont Hospital and Connolly Hospital where our team can work with you to tailor the specifics of your career plan for specialty choice and destination. The CoMPPAS Career Development team partner with our student societies, the American Medical Students Association (AMSA) and the Canadian International Medical Student Association (CIMSA) to build a program of events in support of students preparing for residency.

Career Ready

In the final two academic years the emphasis is on honing your clinical skills. RCSI have four week sub-internship programs where you will work as a resident-in-training in a hospital in Ireland, the US or Canada. The CoMPPAS Career Development team cohost with AMSA and CIMSA the International Clinical Electives Night, which demystifies the organising, securing and preparing for these critical placements. Access to the RCSI Mentor Network is provided to penultimate and final year students to engage with RCSI Alumni to learn and be advised on how to succeed in your chosen career path. These initiatives assist you in making informed career decisions as you move from undergraduate education to excellent post graduate training opportunities in health care settings throughout the world. The CoMPPAS Career Development team actively works to facilitate your preparation for residency including facilitating US residency programs to interview candidates in RCSI.

I moved to Dublin to study Medicine at RCSI over 2 years ago. One of the main reasons that I chose RCSI was due to the incredible teaching facilities that they have and the opportunities that they offer students to do clinical electives and various research electives in the US to bolster our CVs. I have made so many global connections in my time here thus far, I believe this is vital for working in the healthcare field as our future patients and co-workers may be from anywhere and having these interactions early is crucial.

Carsten Opris,
USA, Medicine, Class of 2022





Medical License Exams

The RCSI Canadian and US Medical License Program Directors and Academic colleagues work to scope and deliver medical license resources that support your preparation for these important professional medical license examinations. The CoMPPAS Career Development team liaise directly with the Medical Council of Canada and the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) so as to keep abreast of developments that may influence residency application.



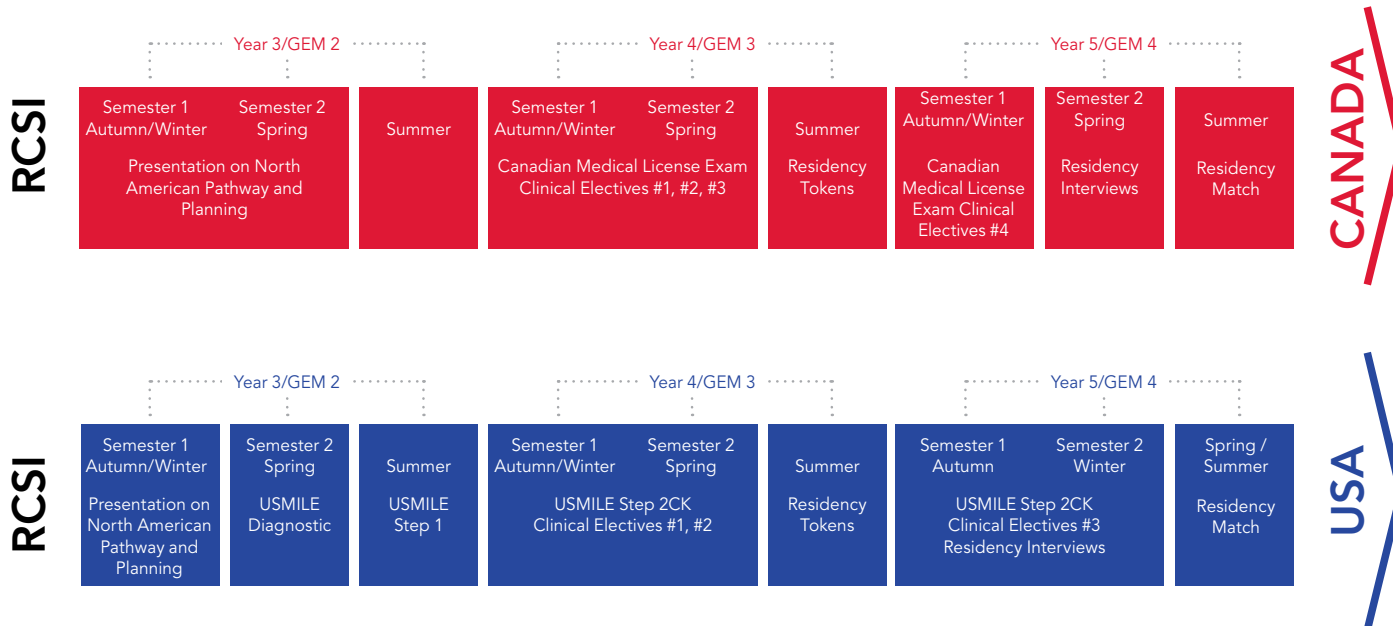
RCSI creates an environment where students from different parts of the world have the opportunity to share experiences, learn from each other and foster friendships. Over the last 2 years at RCSI, my favourite module has been anatomy, where we use cadavers to gain first-hand knowledge of the human body. The anatomy prosectors are a well of knowledge and many are retired surgeons who give us real life, clinical applications to what we are learning. The clinical simulation facility on-site also allows us to learn and practice the latest surgical techniques in a safe environment before working with patients in hospital. I have really enjoyed my time in Dublin – it is a multi-cultural student friendly city with many universities in close proximity to one another, creating an overall excellent learning community.

Alexandra Frankel,
Canada, Medicine, Class of 2022



RCSI has developed distinct programs that support you, as an Undergraduate Medicine or Graduate Entry Medicine student, to prepare and apply for a residency on graduation.

- » Pathway to Residency in Canada: specific preparation commences 20 months prior to graduation
- » Pathway to Residency in America: specific preparation commences in Year 2/GEM Year 1



The College has developed a roadmap that promotes exam success for each Pathway to Residency and Internship. This requires organisation and dedication from the student to navigate through the many academic hurdles that exist. We utilise a variety of approaches to help with preparation for these license examinations.

The RCSI School of Medicine working with CoMPPAS Career Development is well-informed on licensing and changing landscape requirements, ensuring our Pathways to Residency programs support the advancement of our graduates and returning international medical graduates (IMGs).

Please note:

Preparation for and writing of medical license examinations is in addition to the academic curriculum, and so the associated preparation programmes are not an assessed or mandatory component of your degree.



International Clinical Electives

Participation in clinical electives in the final two years of medical schooling is an essential part of the programme for North American students whose goal is residency training. Clinical electives provide excellent opportunities to explore specialties and secure those all-important 'letters of recommendation'.

RCSI invests considerable time and resources in building relationships to facilitate clinical opportunities with North American institutions of strategic importance. The following institutions are a representative sample of the locations where our students have successfully completed their clinical electives.



The RCSI collaborative elective program is a unique opportunity for RCSI students to gain clinical experience in North America and Canada. As part of this initiative I had the privilege of completing an oncology clerkship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. This elective involved significant responsibility with day-to-day patient care and clinical decision making. Although daunting at first, the team at Johns Hopkins provided me with continuous support and guidance throughout the placement including daily one-to-one teaching sessions. This program is a fantastic opportunity to advance your clinical acumen while also providing an opportunity to travel and make connections for your future career. The professional and clinical skills embedded in RCSI students have an international translatability that will allow you to excel and enjoy all your international electives.

Alice Talbot,
Ireland, Medicine, Class of 2020







First-class facilities



Europe's most advanced clinical simulation facility

RCSI has a proud reputation of graduating medical doctors with excellent clinical skills. The student, learning by the bedside, under the supervision of the master (the medical consultant) has been the cornerstone of ensuring that our graduates receive outstanding communication and clinical skills training. Teaching these skills to medical students has become increasingly challenging for all medical schools as healthcare delivery models treat more and more patients on a day case basis which results in patients spending less time in the clinical setting. This is great news for patients but creates a challenge for medical schools as, the shift to day

case procedures has removed many patients from the hospitals that were traditionally available for students to learn and develop their communication and clinical skills. Many of these patients were excellent for students to develop their early clinical skills as they tended to have conditions that were relatively minor. These minor conditions are now dealt with in the day ward, and hospitals today tend to be filled with patients who are older and sicker. To offset the loss of patients who had less severe medical conditions (and were therefore very suitable for students to learn their early clinical skills), RCSI built Europe's largest clinical simulation facility, known as 26 York Street, to ensure that we continue to develop skills before students are introduced to the more acutely ill patient in the hospital setting.



The facility is designed to ensure that we will continue to provide students with the opportunity to graduate with superior communication and clinical skills. This is achieved by using trained volunteer patients and advanced simulation technologies in a structured and repeatable environment (similar to the use of simulation in the aviation industry) to develop the early communication and clinical skills competencies which are essential to master before students are challenged by the more acutely ill patient in the hospital.

26 York Street represents a huge leap forward for clinical training in RCSI, Ireland and beyond, cementing RCSI's place at the forefront of healthcare education

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RCSI's approach to learning makes you start thinking like a doctor from day one. As students we start simulated patient interviewing and history-taking, along with clinical skill workshops, all within the first month of classes.

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*Trevor Henderson
Class of 2021*

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