MONASH MEDICAL SCIENCE AND DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)

Admissions information for local applicants 2018 Entry
Medicine at Monash

If you aspire to be a doctor, Monash provides you with the opportunities to reach those goals.

- Begin your medical studies from day one of your degree
- Undertake clinical experience in some of the country’s most highly regarded centres of medical care and expertise
- Graduate with a MD
The Monash School of Medicine is internationally recognised for providing a world-class education with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to medical training.

Our medical program has been designed in close consultation with doctors, health care professionals, and leaders in the health and research sectors to give you the scientific background and clinical expertise to ensure you are prepared for your future as a doctor.

We are ranked No. 41 in the world for clinical, pre-clinical and health sciences*

*Times Higher Education World University Rankings, by subject, 2017

Upon completion of your degree you will receive provisional registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Medical Board of Australia. After the completion of a compulsory internship in an approved hospital, graduates become eligible for full registration.

Embed yourself in medical research by undertaking an additional one-year research degree, the Bachelor of Medical Science (Honours), only available to medical students and graduates. See page 4 for more information.

1961 Monash Medical School founded

Over the years the faculty has grown and we are now at the forefront of research and education in the medical field.

"I chose to study medicine because I wanted to unify my love for science with my love for people, through a rewarding profession. I want a career that is both hands-on and constantly stimulating, where I have the knowledge, ability and privilege to change lives.

Monash’s holistic, direct entry course has already given me great insight into the field, with placements starting as early as first year. The integrated and engaging approach to learning has really cemented the fact that this is what I want to do."

Katia Maccora
Fourth Year (2017)
Our MD program

Our main focus is on improving outcomes for patients by making sure that medical students are strongly connected with our academic experts and clinicians.

In the MD you will be learning from staff across the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences who are leaders in their field. You will also benefit from our links with the largest health care provider network in Australia, which includes the Monash Medical Centre and The Alfred Hospital (Melbourne’s major casualty hospital), Eastern Health, and health services in rural and regional Victoria and outer metropolitan Melbourne.

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<th>MAJOR ELEMENTS OF STUDY</th>
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<td>Personal attributes and qualities needed as a medical student and, ultimately, a medical practitioner</td>
<td>Health enhancement, professional responsibilities, communication skills, information technology, medical informatics and computing skills, ethics and legal issues, and clinical effectiveness</td>
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<td>The social, environmental and behavioural contexts of illness and the practice of medicine, especially in rural and remote areas, and population and global health</td>
<td>Health promotion, epidemiology, public health, community diversity and evidence-based medicine</td>
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<td>Human systems, and through them, the development of the knowledge and concepts that underpin both the basic medical sciences and in the clinical sciences</td>
<td>Anatomy, biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, histology, immunology, microbiology, neuroscience, pathology, pharmacology and physiology</td>
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<td>The whole range of clinical skills and the development of defined clinical competencies</td>
<td>Clinical aspects of communication skills, history-taking and physical examinations and procedural skills</td>
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The course structure

In the Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine you will:

- Learn the basic medical science through patient-based presentations and discussions in small groups.
- Gain real clinical experience in various locations, including metropolitan and rural hospitals.
- Learn about integrated medicine, surgery and pathophysiology.
- Consolidate your knowledge through further clinical practise and an intensive research or professional practice project.

Learning and teaching approach

The course develops through theme studies in personal and professional development; population, society, health and illness; scientific basis of clinical practice; and clinical skills, all of which come together in professional practice demonstrated in the clinical placement units. See the handbook for more detail about course structure.

monash.edu/pubs/2017handbooks
One program  
– two entry points

Monash is the only Victorian university to offer both direct-from-school and graduate entry into the same medical degree.

**COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACES (CSP)**

Direct entry: 242 places available  
Graduate entry: 75 places available

**EXTENDED RURAL COHORT (ERC) – DIRECT ENTRY ONLY**

About 30 CSP places are available under the Extended Rural Cohort stream. The ERC stream within the MD enables students to undertake extended clinical training across rural and regional northern Victoria. Small group sizes, friendly and committed clinical teachers and ample opportunity for hands-on clinical experience make this an exciting program.

Detailed information about the ERC can be found at: med.monash.edu/medical/northernvic

**BONDED MEDICAL PLACES (BMP)**

The federal government requires that all Australian medical schools allocate approximately 28.5 per cent of their CSP places as BMP. At Monash this means that there are approximately 68 Bonded Medical Places in the direct entry program and a further 21 places for graduate entry.

Upon accepting an offer for a BMP place, the student will be required to sign a contract provided by the Commonwealth government. Students will be required to work in a designated area of medical need at the completion of their training, including specialist training. Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident at the time of application to be eligible for a BMP place. Monash advises potential students to seek early legal advice.

**ENTRY PROCESS**

**DIRECT ENTRY**  
5 YEARS  

**GRADUATE ENTRY**  
4 YEARS

| 30 ERC  |
| 242 STUDENTS  |
| 68 BMP  |

**ENTRY PROCESS**

**DIRECT ENTRY**  
5 YEARS  

| 33.3% UMAT  |
| 33.3% YEAR 12  |
| 33.3% INTERVIEW  |

**GRADUATE ENTRY**  
4 YEARS  

| 21 BMP  |
| 75 STUDENTS  |

**ENTRY PROCESS**

**DIRECT ENTRY**  
5 YEARS  

| 40% ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE  |
| 60% INTERVIEW/SJT  |

**IMPORTANT NOTE**

If you are a New Zealand citizen, you will require an Australian permanent resident visa to be eligible for a BMP Scheme place. Special category visas are not considered permanent resident visas for the purposes of the scheme.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Free call: 1800 987 104  
Email: BMPscheme@health.gov.au  
Direct entry

Entry requirements

**UMAT**
All domestic applicants are required to sit the UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test). umat.acer.edu.au

**NOTE:** Onshore international students who think that their citizenship status might change during the application process should sit both the UMAT and the ISAT (isat.acer.org)

**INTERVIEW**
Applicants will be invited to attend an interview based on a combination of their UMAT and ATAR results.

Only those applicants who attend an interview will remain eligible to be offered a place in the MD program. The interview format is a Multiple Mini Interview (see information box on page 7 for more details).

**PREREQUISITE STUDIES and ATAR**

**VCE PREREQUISITES:**
Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 35 in English (EAL) or 30 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 30 in Chemistry. A minimum ATAR of 90 is required.

**IB PREREQUISITES:**
A score of at least 5 in English SL or 4 in English HL, or 6 in English B SL or 5 in English B HL and a score of at least 5 in Chemistry SL or 4 in Chemistry HL.

**NOTE:** While Biology is not a prerequisite, successful applicants who have not studied Year 12 Biology will be required to undertake a bridging program. For further information on this program please email: biology-bridging-course@monash.edu

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**Dean's Rural List**
To be eligible, you must have resided (according to principal home address) for at least five years in areas classified as RA 2-5 since birth (ASGC-RA: Australian Standard Geographic Classification – Remoteness Areas).

**NOTE:** For the most accurate results when checking your rural status via the Doctor Connect website, we recommend that you type in your full address including street number and street name, not just a postcode or suburb.

doctoconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/ASGSRA_locator

**Dean's Indigenous List**
If you identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander you may apply to be considered for a place in the course via the Dean’s Indigenous List (DIL). Information will be made available to all timely VTAC applicants in October 2017, setting out eligibility requirements for the Dean’s Indigenous List. Further information about support for Indigenous students at Monash can be found at: monash.edu/study/life/indigenous

All applicants will be contacted in October 2017 requesting them to provide further information as part of the Dean’s Rural and Dean’s Indigenous lists. It is important that applicants check their emails during this period and respond to the request in a timely manner.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**
The direct entry program is only available to current Year 12 (or equivalent) students or applicants who have completed Year 12 no more than two years prior and have not commenced any form of other tertiary studies during that time.

Those who have commenced tertiary study (including at Certificate IV level) are ineligible for the direct entry program.
From 2017 onwards, only applicants with a specified Monash University degree will be eligible for entry into our graduate entry medical program. Fifty places will be reserved for students undertaking Monash’s Bachelor of Biomedical Science. Further places are available to students who have completed the following Monash University degrees:

- Bachelor of Biomedical Science (including double degrees)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science (dependent on the completion of designated units. See list on the website)

NOTE: Applicants who have undertaken the above, clearly defined degrees will NOT be required to undertake the GAMSAT.

To find out more visit the website: med.monash.edu/medicine/admissions/grad-entry/2017-entry.html

**Interview and SJT**

Applicants will be invited to attend an interview (MMI format) and Situational Judgement Test (SJT) based on their Average Mark (AM) or weighted Average Mark (WAM).

**Situational Judgement Test (SJT)**

Applicants applying for the Graduate Entry program will also be required to complete a Situational Judgement Test (SJT). This is a computerised test that presents the test-taker with realistic, hypothetical scenarios and asks them to identify the most appropriate response or to rank the responses in the order they feel is most effective.

**Graduate Entry Rural Scheme**

If you’ve resided in a rural area (RA2-RA5) for at least five years, including the Gippsland region, you’re eligible to be considered via the rural scheme. If eligibility requirements are met, this may increase your chance of being offered an interview.

**Special requirements**

You must satisfy extra requirements, including immunisations, Police Check and Working with Children Check.

For more information visit: med.monash.edu/medical/central/year1-mbbs-info.html

**What is a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)?**

At Monash we use an eight-station Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). Each circuit comprises a series of scenarios and associated questions focusing on applicants’ personal qualities including:

- Motivation
- Communication skills
- Critical thinking
- Ethical and empathetic reasoning

Each applicant is given two minutes’ reading time followed by eight minutes to answer five questions relevant to the scenario. At the completion of the eight minutes, there is a further two-minute changeover and reading time for the next scenario.

The MMI format allows the faculty to determine which applicants possess the personal qualities required to succeed in the MD program, as well as the qualities that we are looking for in health care professionals.

**Important Note**

It’s vital you are aware of the interview dates and make yourself available during these times. Only those who attend an interview will remain eligible for a place in the MD program. We don’t run interviews outside of the allocated times.
### 2018 direct entry calendar

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<td>Register for UMAT by 5pm (AEST) on 2 June 2017 (umat.acer.edu.au)</td>
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<td>Undertake UMAT on 26 July 2017</td>
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<td>Clayton campus open day on Sunday, 6 August 2017</td>
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| Apply through VTAC by 28 September 2017 (including scholarships and SEAS applications).  
  Telephone: 1300 364 133 Web: www.vtac.edu.au  
  Late September – UMAT results released |

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| Late October – eligible applicants will receive an email regarding the interview process and dates.  
  At this time applicants will also be invited to apply for the Dean’s Rural List and Dean’s Indigenous List.  
  NOTE: It is your responsibility to regularly check your email including the SPAM and TRASH folders. Please do not contact the faculty admissions unit unless you have thoroughly checked your emails. Details of communications that have been sent will be listed on the website. |

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| Mid-December – Year 12 results released in Victoria.  
  Late December – Invitations to interview will be emailed to eligible VCE applicants as well as Victorian and national Dean’s Rural List and Dean’s Indigenous List applicants |

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| Interviews will be held in January 2018  
  - 3, 4, 5 and 8 January 2018: Interviews for Victorian VCE and national DRL and DIL applicants  
  - 8 January 2018: Interviews for Victorian IB applicants  
  - Mid-January 2018: Round 1 offers made through VTAC  
  - Mid-January 2018: Round 1 enrolment  
  - Mid-January 2018: Invitations to interview will be emailed to eligible interstate and NZ applicants  
  - 23 and 24 January 2018: Round 2 interviews for interstate and NZ applicants |

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| Early-February 2018: Round 2 offers made through VTAC  
  Mid-February: Possible further Medicine offers may be made via VTAC  
  Late-February 2018: Compulsory attendance at Medicine Transition Program  
  Week commencing 19 February 2018: Orientation Week  
  Semester 1 commences Monday, 26 February 2018 |

**How do I apply?**

**DIRECT ENTRY**

Applicants who wish to be considered for Medicine at Monash in 2018 MUST apply to VTAC by the close of timely applications 28 September 2017. Only those who include at least one Medicine code in their preferences at this time will be considered. If you remove Medicine from your preferences after 28 September 2017, you cannot reinstate it in your preferences and you will no longer be eligible to be considered.

**Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)**

VTAC code: 2800311231  
Telephone: 1300 364 133  
Web: www.vtac.edu.au

**Extended Rural Cohort (ERC)**

VTAC code: 2800311261  
Telephone: 1300 364 133  
Web: www.vtac.edu.au

**GRADUATE ENTRY**

Applications will be direct to Monash University.

**Future student enquiries**

Telephone: 1800 666 274  
Email: future@monash.edu

[facebook.com/Monash.University](facebook.com/Monash.University)  
[monash.edu/medicine](monash.edu/medicine)

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Dates may be subject to change. Please check: med.monash.edu.au/medicine/admissions/important-dates-domestic.html

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### 2018 graduate entry calendar

Please see the website for 2018 dates: med.monash.edu/medicine/admissions/grad-entry/2017-entry.html