Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (MD)

Admissions information for international applicants

2019 entry
Why study in Melbourne?

Melbourne is a multicultural melting pot of friendly, cosmopolitan people, with high education, health care, public transport and safety standards, along with excellent employment rates. Visitors and locals alike enjoy it for the coffee culture and unique laneway cafes.

Melbourne hosts a number of international cultural events and festivals each year and is home to major sporting events, including the Australian Open, the Spring Racing Carnival and the Australian F1 Grand Prix.

There’s something for everyone with amusement parks, galleries, zoos, parks and gardens to a vibrant night life of theatres, bars, nightclubs, restaurants and concerts. Get the full Melbourne experience by living on-campus at our Clayton campus. Learn more at monash.edu/accommodation

During your studies, you will be taught by outstanding academics and clinicians, and benefit from a variety of rotations in the three clinical years.

Some of our clinical partners include:

**Alfred Health** offers a range of specialist medical and surgical services across three sites in Victoria. The Alfred Hospital is Victoria’s top trauma centre and largest intensive care unit.

**Monash Health** is Victoria’s largest public health service, providing healthcare to one quarter of Melbourne’s population. Hospitals include Monash Medical Centre Clayton, Dandenong Hospital, Casey Hospital and the new Monash Children’s Hospital, one of only two paediatric hospitals in Victoria.

**Peninsula Health** is a major health care provider serving the metropolitan and regional areas on Victoria’s Mornington Peninsula. Frankston and Rosebud Hospitals are teaching hospitals with over 900 beds, providing a wide range of services from obstetrics to aged care, rehabilitation, emergency and intensive care, oncology, psychiatric services and Hospital in the Home (HITH). Frankston Hospital will soon house a new $15 million teaching and research hub, with state-of-the-art facilities to train the next generation of doctors.

**Bendigo Health** services the Loddon Mallee region, an area nearly the quarter of the size of Victoria. The new Bendigo Hospital opened in late 2017, incorporating the latest design and technology solutions, in a tranquil and caring environment.
The Monash School of Medicine is internationally recognised for providing a world-class education with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary approach to medical training.

If you aspire to be a doctor, Monash provides you with the opportunities to reach this goal.

- Begin your medical studies from day one of your degree
- Undertake clinical experience in some of the country’s most highly recognised centres of medical care and expertise
- Graduate with a MD

We are ranked in the top 30 universities globally for Medicine.*

*QS World University Ranking by Subject (2017)

Monash Medical School established.

Monash University’s Medical School was established 1961, with many of our pioneering graduates making important contributions to their fields. Since then the faculty has grown significantly and we are now at the forefront of medical research and education.
## Course overview

### 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/2018handbooks](https://monash.edu/pubs/2018handbooks)

### International students

We offer 70 places in our direct entry program for international students and a further 20 places in our graduate entry program, giving international students more opportunities to study at one of Australia’s most respected and prestigious medical schools. The program is offered to international applicants on a full-fee paying basis.

In 2018, the fee for the first year of the course is AUD $74,000. Additionally, other expenses students would expect to incur include accommodation, transport and living expenses, plus textbooks and stationery.

### Can I practise in my home country?

Many students return to their home countries at the conclusion of their programs to undertake local internships and fulfil licensure requirements. It is recommended that applicants check the requirements in their country to ensure professional accreditation circumstances are considered.

### Internship

Any offer of a place in a Monash University medical course is made on the understanding that Monash in no way guarantees any period of internship in an Australian hospital at the completion of their medical degree. Internship places are not allocated by Monash University. As a result, our international students should expect to complete their internships in their home country.

### Theme Focus and Major Elements of Study

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| 1     | Personal attributes and qualities needed as a medical student and, ultimately, a medical practitioner | – Health enhancement  
– Professional responsibilities  
– Communication skills  
– Information Technology  
– Medical informatics and computing skills  
– Ethics and legal issues  
– Clinical effectiveness |
| 2     | The social, environmental and behavioural contexts of illness and the practice of medicine, especially in rural and remote areas, and population and global health | – Health promotion  
– Epidemiology  
– Public health  
– Community diversity  
– Evidence-based medicine |
| 3     | Human systems, and through them, the development of the knowledge and concepts that underpin both the basic medical sciences and in the clinical sciences | – Anatomy  
– Biochemistry  
– Cell biology  
– Genetics  
– Histology  
– Immunology  
– Microbiology  
– Neuroscience  
– Pathology  
– Pharmacology  
– Physiology |
| 4     | The whole range of clinical skills and the development of defined clinical competencies | – Clinical aspects of communication skills  
– History taking and physical examinations – Procedural skills |
Take your medical degree to the next level

If you are looking to further challenge your learning experience, the Honours degree of Bachelor of Medical Science allows you to work on a research topic with Australian and internationally recognised researchers. This twelve-month program, offered to our MD students and graduates, can be an important part of developing a commitment to be at the forefront of medical research.

During this time you will be immersed in a setting that will introduce you to research practice where you will learn skills relating to data analysis and the communication of scientific ideas. Projects are offered across an array of research streams.

For further information visit: monash.edu/medicine/som/bmedsc-hons

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Direct entry (5 years)

ISAT 33.3%  

The Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences will determine those applicants who are to be offered an interview. Invitation to interview will be based on performance in the ISAT for the direct entry program.

We recommend that applicants sit their tests as early as possible in the year that they are applying for the medicine program to ensure that the results required for admission are received in time.

Students must nominate Monash University as a preference when they register for the ISAT. It is also essential that the email address that you register for the ISAT with matches the email address that you supply on application to Monash.

For further information visit: isat.acer.edu.au

INTERVIEW 33.3%  

At Monash we use the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI). This allows us to determine which applicants possess the necessary personal qualities required to succeed in the program and that we are looking for in health care professionals.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

International applicants can meet English language requirements by gaining the required result in one of the following tests:

- A minimum overall IELTS score of 7.0 with no individual band score less than 6.5.
- A TOEFL minimum test score of; 587 with a Test of Written English (TWE) score of at least 4.5 in the written TOEFL.
- An overall score of at least 94 with at least 24 in writing, 19 in reading and no less than 20 in listening and speaking in the internet based TOEFL.

IMPORTANT NOTE

All overseas-based applicants must submit certified copies of the final results to their agent, or, for direct applicants, directly to Monash. These will be required by early December 2018. Offers will not be made on interim or predicted results.

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Year 12 or equivalent results required for direct entry

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<td>MUHY</td>
<td>≥ 75%</td>
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<td>GCE A Levels</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>B in General Paper or A in O-Level English</td>
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<td>5 in Standard or 4 in Higher Level</td>
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The Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

At Monash we use a four 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
- Teamwork and advocacy

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 change over and reading time for the next scenario.

IMPORTANT NOTE

It is vital that applicants are aware of the interview dates and make themselves available during these times. The Faculty does not run interviews outside of the allocated times. Monash University does not conduct interviews via Skype or other online means. Applicants who cannot attend an interview in person if invited will no longer be considered for Medicine at Monash.

Offers for a place in Medicine will only be made once applicants have provided official, certified, final academic transcripts. If you are completing your Year 12 equivalent studies late in 2018 and can only provide final, certified documentation in December 2018 or early January 2019, you should consider applying for 2020 entry as places for the program at Monash may be filled by the time Monash can fully assess your application for an offer.
Graduate entry (4 years)

ACADEMIC RECORD
Completed or in the process of completing a degree with a significant and broad component of biomedical science content with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 6.0 out of 7.0.

ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS
Upon enrolment you will be asked to comply with the mandatory immunisation requirements in readiness for clinical/fieldwork placements. You will be required to obtain a Police Check annually and a Working with Children Check. It’s highly recommended that you hold or attain, by the end of first semester of the course, a current registered Level 2, Provide First Aid or Senior First Aid Certificate.

For further information visit: monash.edu/medicine/study/student-services/mandatory-compliance

Interviews (MMI) and Situational Judgement Test (SJT)
Applicants will be assessed for an offer of a place into the Graduate Entry Medical program at Monash based on a combination of the GPA and performance on their MMI and SJT.

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.

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VCE ≥ 30 ≥ 30 any Year 12 English or ≥ 35 in EAL
MUFY ≥ 75% English “A” and “B” ≥ 75% Minimum score of 90%
GCE A Levels A B in General Paper or A in O-Level English Minimum 3 As at A-Level
IB 5 in Standard or 4 in Higher Level 5 in Standard or 4 in Higher level OR 6 in English B in Standard or 5 in Higher level Minimum of 39

HAMZA ASHRAF
A lifelong passion for social justice and service to others inspired Hamza Ashraf to pursue a career in medicine. Making the move over 2300 kilometres from regional north Queensland to Melbourne, he’s taken the first step towards his goal of becoming a neurosurgeon. “I’ve always wanted to study Medicine. Monash allowed me to follow this aspiration straight after school and was the perfect learning environment, offering state-of-the-art teaching, facilities, excellent integration of clinical exposure, and an impressive research field.”

Now in his third year, Hamza appreciates that Monash’s curriculum prepares medical students for life in the hospital and encourages a focus on patient-centred care. Having spent his early childhood in South Africa, Hamza is keen to use his medical experience overseas and has already been able to put his training into practice.

“Recently I volunteered in a free surgical camp in Pakistan, assisting with surgeries for disadvantaged people. I want to take my skills to other developing countries and do my part in helping those less fortunate than us.”

While acknowledging that studying can have its ups and downs, for Hamza, it all comes back to working towards a career based on service to others – which helps him get through the tougher times.

“Nothing is easy, you just have to find something which makes it all worth it.”

The best option for gaining access to our Graduate Entry program is by undertaking Monash University’s Bachelor of Biomedical Science. Most places are allocated specifically to students who are in the process of completing the Bachelor of Biomedical Science.

For further information see: monash.edu/medicine/som/grad-entry
## International interview timeline

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<td>22 &amp; 23 November 2018</td>
<td>AUSTRALIA</td>
<td>Australian-based direct entry Year 12 applicants</td>
<td>Monday 29 October 2018</td>
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*International students studying Foundation programs in Australia for example, Trinity, WUFP need to apply directly via International Recruitment Services AND sit ISAT by the 29 October 2018.

### Important information

These dates are correct at the time of publication, dates are subject to change. For updated information and dates: [monash.edu/medicine/som/direct-entry/important-dates](http://monash.edu/medicine/som/direct-entry/important-dates)

For agents in your area: [monash.edu/study/international/apply/through-an-agent](http://monash.edu/study/international/apply/through-an-agent)

To apply directly: [monash.edu/study/how-to-apply/international-student-applications](http://monash.edu/study/how-to-apply/international-student-applications)

### Application procedure

Overseas-based and Foundation year applicants must contact Student Recruitment and Admissions: [monash.edu/study/international/apply](http://monash.edu/study/international/apply)

International Year 12 applicants studying in Australia apply through VTAC: [vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au)

Email: study@monash.edu

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