

Doctor of Medicine Alternative Entry Pathways Scheme Guidelines

Doctor of Medicine (Provisional) Program Alternative Entry Pathways Scheme

This pathway is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in their final year of secondary school who would like the option to apply through the Alternative Entry Pathways Scheme to study medicine.

Entry Requirements

All applicants must be in their final year of secondary school and eligible for an OP (Overall Position) or equivalent senior secondary award (ATAR, IB, GCE) and have passed the subject prerequisites of their preferred first degree.

Whilst it is not mandatory, applicants are encouraged to sit and provide an [Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test \(UMAT\)](#) score as part of the entry process.

Applicants are required to provide the following information:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander MD Provisional Entry Pathways application form;
- Personal Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation;
- Personal statement outlining reasons for wishing to study Medicine (*statement to be no longer than one A4 page in length*);
- Personal resume, including the contact details of at least two referees;
- Documented evidence of secondary school results and demonstrated competence in relevant fields of Years 11 and 12 science;
- UMAT results, if applicable.

Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit to express their interest in applying via the Alternative Entry Pathways Scheme.

In addition, to be considered under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander MD Provisional Entry pathway, applicants **must**:

- Have identified on their QTAC application as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person;
- Have listed the UQ MD (Provisional Entry) program as a preference in their QTAC application;
- Have completed all sections of the application form, SIGNED and DATED the declaration and submitted all required documentation, as per the checklist to atsistudy@uq.edu.au.

Applications for consideration must be lodged no later than **21 October, 2016**. After the closing date, applicants will be provisionally shortlisted based on secondary school reports and should be available for interviews during November or December of the year of application. After attending

the shortlisting interview, applicants will be required to wait until QTAC make the final offer and this will be subject to the release of OP/ATAR scores. If you are successful in receiving an offer for a provisional entry place, you will be required to submit your first degree selection directly to UQ Admissions.

Outcome

- If accepted for the MD Provisional entry pathway, applicants will enter a Bachelor degree of their choice at UQ, and will be required to complete their first degree in the standard minimum duration, achieving a Grade Point Average of 5 or higher. Whilst not mandatory, students are encouraged to consider a first degree in a related science field that will provide preparation for the Doctor of Medicine component of the provisional entry program. Students are encouraged to contact the School of Medicine for advice on program selection or refer to [The School of Medicine's recommended list of first degrees](#). Entry to the first degree may be deferred for a period of up to 2 years. However, provisional entry students are not permitted to defer their transition from their first degree to the medicine program itself unless they are committing to undertake an additional year of research study at UQ before transitioning.

Unsuccessful applicants

If not accepted for the MD Provisional Entry Pathway, applicants may choose to apply for another degree and seek entry into the MD Graduate Entry pathway after completion of the first degree.

Doctor of Medicine (Graduate) Program Alternative Entry Pathways Scheme

This pathway is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander graduates who may not meet the current standard entry requirements but would like the option to apply through the Alternative Entry Pathways Scheme to study medicine.

Entry Requirements

All applicants must have successfully completed a bachelor level degree from an accredited institution or be currently studying in the final year of their first bachelor level program.

Whilst it is not mandatory, applicants are encouraged to sit the Graduate Medical School Admission Test (GAMSAT) as part of the entry process. This is highly recommended for those applicants who do not have prior studies in the science field and for those who have not worked in a science/health field for a significant number of years.

Applicants are required to provide the following information:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Graduate Entry Pathway application form;
- Personal Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of a community organisation;
- Personal statement outlining reasons for wishing to study Medicine (*statement to be no longer than one A4 page in length*);
- Personal Resume (including the contact details of at least 2 referees, qualifications, and experience);

- Academic Transcripts and/or certificate of completions from previous enrolments in education courses or programs;

Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit to express their interest in applying via the Alternative Entry Pathways Scheme.

Applications for consideration must be lodged no later than **1 August 2016**. After the closing date of applications, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) Unit convene a selection committee for shortlisting eligible applicants. The shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend an interview in September or October 2016 to discuss their application.

Outcome

- Applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application, as soon as possible after interviews have been conducted and finalised. If accepted for the Doctor of Medicine (Graduate) program, applicants will commence studies in the January 2017 intake.
- Applicants who are graduating from an undergraduate level degree at the end of the 2016 academic year, will only be eligible for a conditional offer. Conditional offers will require applicants to complete the final assessments for their current program **31 December 2016**. Applicants will then be required to show proof of eligibility for graduation before having their place in UQ's medicine program confirmed.

Deferment

Deferment options are tightly restricted. If you are considering deferment at the point of application, we recommend that you consider applying for a future intake instead.

Unsuccessful applicants

If not accepted for the program, applicants may re-apply in a later year, after further self-development or experience in gained.