



THE UNIVERSITY  
OF QUEENSLAND  
AUSTRALIA



# UQ Ochsner Doctor of Medicine

An opportunity for US students studying medicine to  
gain a world class education spanning two continents





## Create change at UQ Ochsner

**For the past ten years, The University of Queensland (UQ) and Ochsner Health System (OHS) have worked together to train future doctors. Our unique model allows students to train across two continents, leveraging the strengths and resources of two world-class institutions.**

The UQ Ochsner Doctor of Medicine (MD-Ochsner) is a postgraduate-entry program that aims to be internationally renowned for our outstanding people, the diversity of our students and the excellence of our education. Graduates are recognised for their social accountability, critical scientific thinking and drive to be global leaders in healthcare.

Our medical program is designed to graduate doctors capable of meeting future medical challenges in a wide variety of settings nationally and internationally. The curriculum has been developed to capture the enthusiasm and maturity of our graduate entrants. It is underpinned by our world-class teachers, experts in their chosen field of research, ensuring the training program is research-driven and evidence-based.

Your first and second year of the program combines biomedical sciences, public health, medical ethics and clinical skills training in a case-based learning context and a series of patient-centred

cases, each designed to teach different principles of basic and clinical science of health and disease. Early patient contact and training in clinical reasoning and research are embedded to develop advanced critical thinking and clinical reasoning and skills that are required for evidence-based clinical practice. You'll also complete an apprentice-style Observership to gain insight into life as a doctor.

In your third and fourth years you'll undertake your hands on clinical practice at the Ochsner Clinical School located at the OHS in New Orleans, Louisiana. You'll benefit from a health system that has been providing high-quality patient care to Louisiana residents since 1942. You'll join our OHS family that today, comprises of more than 25,000 employees and over 1,340 physicians in over 90 medical specialties and subspecialties. You may also enhance your learning by undertaking a research higher degree. Both UQ and OHS have long traditions of academic excellence and scientific discovery.

### TOP REASONS TO STUDY AT UQ OCHSNER



**UQ ranked #42 Best Global Universities 2019.** (U.S. News & World Report)



**OHS nationally ranked, 3 adult and 1 children's specialty.** (US News Best Hospitals 2018-19)



**OHS owns, manages or is affiliated with 28 hospitals and more than 60 health centres across southeast Louisiana.**



**Secure residencies in highly competitive programs - 97% match rate (2021).**



**Integrated, case-based learning with early patient contact.**

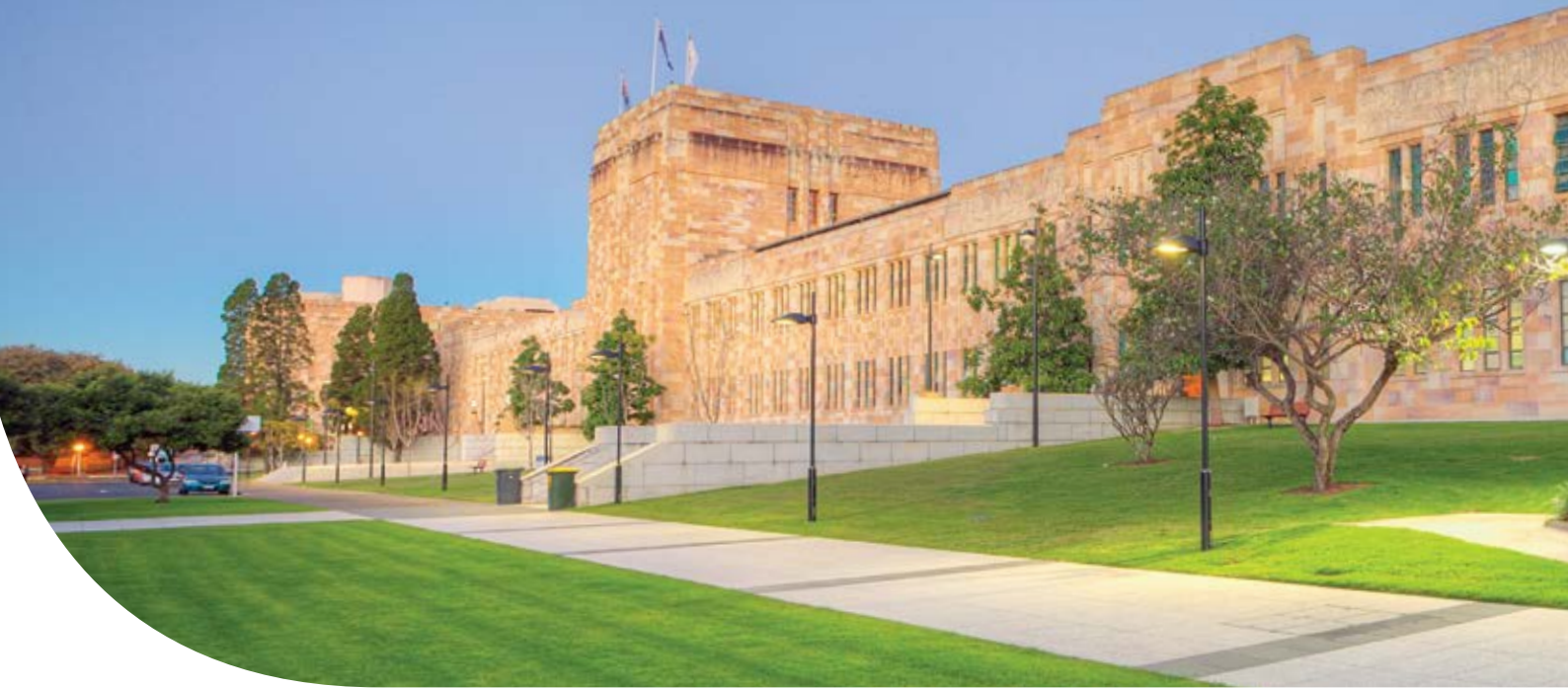


**Dedicated USMLE preparation course.**



**Incorporate research into your medical degree.**





## Doctor of Medicine (MD-Ochsner)

**Program duration:** 4 years full-time

**Location:** Brisbane, Australia and New Orleans, United States of America

**English language proficiency requirements:** This program requires a higher level of English language proficiency than the UQ minimum. If you completed high school or a degree (undergraduate or postgraduate) in the United States of America, you will meet the English language proficiency requirements. For IELTS, an overall band score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each sub-band of writing, reading, speaking and listening is required.  
[future-students.uq.edu.au/english-requirements](https://future-students.uq.edu.au/english-requirements)

**Apply online:** [ochsner.uq.edu.au](https://ochsner.uq.edu.au)

**Number of places:** Approximately 90 places ^ are available each year.  
^ *subject to change*

**Fees:** USD \$67,456 (Indicative annual fee for 2021). The “indicative annual fee” is the cost of tuition in the Doctor of Medicine (MD-Ochsner) for the 2021 academic year. It is calculated based on a standard full-time study load. UQ is accredited by the United States Department of Education to administer various need-based loans to eligible US students and/or parents as part of the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program.

**Other requirements and additional costs:** There are other requirements and associated costs with enrolling in the MD-Ochsner program. For example, students are required to maintain a current First Aid Certificate (including CPR), provide a criminal history check, be vaccinated against certain infectious diseases and fund travel and living expenses. [medicine-program.uq.edu.au/requirements](https://medicine-program.uq.edu.au/requirements)

### 2021 cohort demographics:



**Gender and age:**  
51% male, 49% female  
Average age: 25 years



**Top States:**  
California, Texas, New York, Florida and Louisiana



**Average MCAT Score:**  
Ave: 508  
Highest: 522



**Average GPA:**  
Masters Degree 3.45  
Bachelors Degree 3.4



*“I chose UQ because of the ability and chance to learn medicine on two separate continents, in two completely different healthcare systems, with UQ being a very well-known and well-respected international University, and then Ochsner being an incredible healthcare system in Louisiana and the South East.”*

**Dr Brian Baksa**  
UQ Ochsner Medicine Graduate  
Internal Medicine Resident



Watch a video about Brian  
<https://youtu.be/wOeQ8W0n39k>



## Academic entry requirements

### Entry requirements:

The UQ Ochsner Doctor of Medicine (MD-Ochsner) program is available to citizens or permanent residents of the United States of America. Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

#### 1. MCAT

A minimum score in MCAT of 504 is required. Please note that a score of 504 is not a guarantee that you will receive an offer. This is a very competitive program and the final cut-off MCAT scores may be higher than 504. The MCAT must be gained in the four years preceding the year of commencement.

#### 2. GPA and pre-requisites

B average in your most recently completed degree (Bachelor or Masters degree). This degree must have been completed within the ten year period preceding the proposed commencement date. You must also have completed, or be enrolled to complete the two required subject pre-requisites. More information about this is detailed below.

If you have completed both a Bachelors degree, and a Masters degree, the GPA from your masters degree will be calculated as this is the most recent. Science courses are not weighted any higher than other courses; if you fail a course and retake it, the higher grade is not taken instead. Every grade taken as credit towards your degree will be used to calculate GPA evenly. The pre-requisites are not weighted at all, only marked as having been completed.

If you apply and have completed a Bachelors degree, but are still in progress of a Masters degree, only the Bachelors GPA will be used for admission as it is the degree that is complete at the time of application. For this reason, we require applicants to apply as a senior, and provide a semester 1 transcript that includes finalised grades.

#### 3. Multiple Mini Interviews

Eligible applicants will be invited to participate in a Multiple-Mini Interview (MMI). Invitations to interview are based on MCAT, GPA, and places available.

### How to apply

If you have satisfied the admissions criteria, submit your application directly to the UQ-Ochsner Enrolment team. The Enrolment team will work with you to make sure your application is complete. They will calculate your GPA, assess MCAT validity, and confirm all other requirements.

[ochsner.uq.edu.au/admissions](https://ochsner.uq.edu.au/admissions)



*“I felt like moving through the process all the tools were there. We were given all the opportunities to do what we needed to do to get those program interviews and successfully match. I got my first choice program, I had a great education, I had the time of my life, made lifelong friends and I got my dream job.”*

#### Dr Imran Faruqi

UQ Ochsner Medicine Graduate and  
Emergency Medicine Resident at  
Kaiser Permanente, CA



Watch a video about Imran  
<https://youtu.be/l7mrlc1xzjk>

## Application Process



#### Applications:

Open in November



#### Interviews:

March to October



#### Offers:

April to November



#### Enrol for classes:

From late November



#### Orientation:

End of January



#### Commence classes:

Beginning of February



# Match rates

Our graduates secure residencies in highly competitive programs, at leading hospitals across the US. In 2021 our graduates achieved a match rate of 97 per cent.

For a full list of programs visit: [ochsner.uq.edu.au/match-rates](https://ochsner.uq.edu.au/match-rates)

- Anesthesiology
- Anesthesiology Preliminary
- Child Neurology
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Interventional Radiology
- Medical Paediatrics
- Medicine Preliminary
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Orthopedics
- Pathology
- Paediatrics
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Plastic Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Radiology
- Radiology Diagnostic
- Surgery
- Surgery Preliminary
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

# Student support

Moving overseas to pursue your career in medicine is a big step and at times you may need some support. We recognise that personalised support is a critical factor to your success and satisfaction. To ensure you get the most out of your medical studies and enjoy your time at UQ and Ochsner, you'll be provided with easy access to a network of staff and students who are there to assist you every step along the way.

### Medical Student Support Services:

The dedicated medical student support team includes two advisors, one for each Phase of the program, who offer a range of bespoke services including pastoral and wellbeing support, maximising performance, settling in services and referral to specialist support. In addition, there are dedicated academic staff who provide proactive and reactive academic support to all students and a devoted academic careers lead.

### UQ Ochsner Medical Societies:

You will be assigned to one of five medical societies which provide structure for educational advising and coaching from both faculty members and peers. Societies are also social units organised to promote a sense of community within the larger UQ Ochsner cohort. Each medical society is led by a faculty member who was chosen for expertise in advising and coaching.

### Personal Advisor Network:

This network provides targeted and individualised support for medical students and fosters a spirit of community and connectedness. Each student entering the Medical Program is assigned a personal advisor. Personal advisors play a significant and valuable role in guiding and shaping the experience of medical students, one to one. In years 1 and 2, your personal advisor will supplement the support provided by your Society Head.

### USMLE Support:

As a student, you will have access to a suite of initiatives that will support you in your preparation for the Step 1 and Step 2 examinations. The curriculum that all UQ students complete during Phase 1 will prepare you well for the Step 1 exam; there is a strong correlation between success in these courses and Step 1 results. In addition, you will undertake a dedicated course in Year 2 to assist you in your preparation for USMLE Step 1.

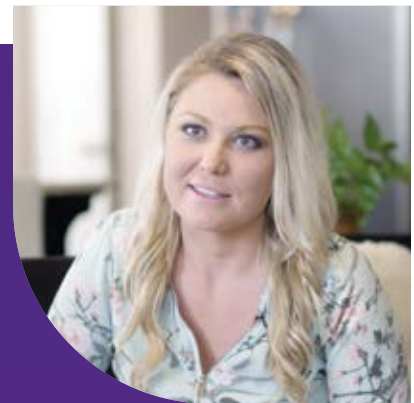
### Support for families:

Thinking of bringing your family down under for the first two years of the program? UQ has developed a family friendly guide for international students travelling to UQ with their family. This includes information about visa obligations, finding appropriate schools for your children, activities for families, and general life in Brisbane.

# Supplementary information

### Inherent requirement to study medicine:

We are committed to supporting the physical and mental health of all applicants. We encourage applicants to familiarise themselves with the Inherent Requirements to Studying Medicine in Australia and New Zealand before applying. [bit.ly/2sUkbo3](https://bit.ly/2sUkbo3)



*“In 1st and 2nd year we do a lot of physical exams and really hands-on with patients – I think that sets the UQ–Ochsner students ahead of the game because they can approach patients easier and therefore they can learn faster.”*

### Dr Kate Thomas

UQ Ochsner Medicine Graduate and Internal Medicine Resident at Ochsner Health System, LA



Watch a video about Kate  
<https://youtu.be/16VHyi2G29g>

# Student Societies

The Ochsner Medical Student Association (OMSA) represents the UQ Ochsner student body in matters related to their medical education. Academics, research, community outreach, and social events are a few of the facets of student life in which OMSA is involved. The University of Queensland Medical Society (UQMS) also aims to enrich the medical student experience and provide members with once in a life time opportunities to develop skills, friendships and life long memories.

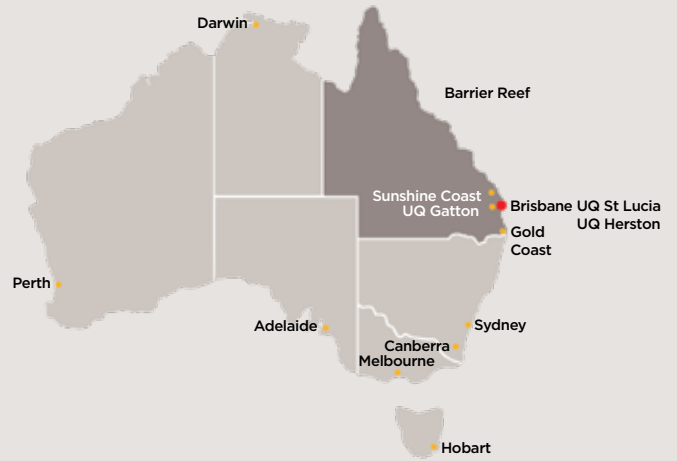
[ochsneromsa.org](https://ochsneromsa.org)  
[uqms.org](https://uqms.org)

# Living in Brisbane

UQ is located in Brisbane, the capital of the state of Queensland. Medical students in Phase 1 of the Doctor of Medicine (MD-Ochsner) program study at the University's St Lucia campus, only 7km from Brisbane's vibrant city centre.

Brisbane is a gateway to some of Australia's most magical experiences including the Great Barrier Reef, World Heritage-listed rainforests, pristine surf beaches as well as encounters with koalas, kangaroos and wild dolphins.

Popular activities in Brisbane include swimming at Australia's only inner-city, man-made beach at South Bank, kayaking on the Brisbane River, or climbing the Story Bridge for a 360 degree view of this river city. With a subtropical climate, Brisbane delivers an average of 283 days of sunshine every year.



**Brisbane named 8<sup>th</sup> most beautiful city in the world**  
by Rough Guides (September 2015)



**+60°F - +80°F max temperature most days of the year**



**Brisbane #1 city for student affordability in Australia**  
QS Best Student Cities 2018

# Living in New Orleans

The UQ Ochsner Clinical School is located in New Orleans at the Ochsner Medical Center. New Orleans is home to one of the world's largest and busiest ports, nurtures a rapidly growing, entrepreneurial and creative industries sector and is renowned for its friendly locals and multi-billion dollar tourism industry.

From its world-class gastronomy and eclectic art scene to its distinctive architecture and proud neighbourhoods, New Orleans has something for everyone. When you study medicine in New Orleans, you'll join a community of more than 50,000 students in the region and train at one of the nation's leading health systems



**New Orleans voted No. 1 music city in the USA**  
by National Geographic



**+62°F - +90°F max temperature most days of the year**



**More than 100 miles of on- and off-street bikeways and home to more than 1,200 restaurants**

## Student enquiries:

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More information about UQ for international students, including the study environment, links to estimated living costs, tuition fees, refund policies, support services, information for students with families, and your legal rights as an international student can be found at [ochsner.uq.edu.au](http://ochsner.uq.edu.au)