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Medical School

# UQ-Ochsner Doctor of Medicine

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





**For almost 16 years, The University of Queensland and Ochsner Health have worked together to train future physician leaders. We have developed a unique pathway, which enables students to train across two continents, leveraging the resources of two world class institutions.**

The UQ-Ochsner Doctor of Medicine (MD-Ochsner) is a postgraduate-entry program that aims to nurture and educate future medical graduates who are clinically capable, team players, kind and compassionate, serve responsibly and are dedicated to the continual improvement of the health of people and communities in Queensland, New Orleans and across the globe.

The program has been designed to capture and build on the enthusiasm, maturity and diversity of our graduate entrants. It features a streamlined, cohesive structure that takes an integrated approach to active learning. The MD program is built around 6 key themes: Safe and Effective Clinician; Critical Thinker, Scientist and Scholar; Advocate for Health Improvement; Dynamic Learner and Educator; Kind and Compassionate Professional; and Partner and Team Player.

You will be allocated a learning community, prior to entering the program. Each learning community brings together different clinical partners and provides a clinical home for early, meaningful clinical experiences as well as your ongoing learning through the program.

You will be able to build your own unique medical degree through a range of student choices and exciting enrichment opportunities. During your final semester of

study, you will also benefit from a dedicated transition to practice term – this will help you make the safe and effective transition to internship/residency and to your ongoing successful medical career.

### How you will study

Your 4-year medical journey will begin in Year 1 with the foundations of medicine. You will learn the fundamental concepts of medical sciences, clinical and professional skills and the role of the doctor and the health system. Year 2 will concentrate on developing the knowledge and skills required for medical practice, with a focus on the pathophysiology of common conditions. Importantly, almost half of your learning opportunities will be in clinical settings in Year 2. From Year 3 onwards, you will be based in New Orleans at Ochsner Health (OH) and immersed in various clinical environments – both in hospital and the community.

Your learning will be grounded in the clinical ‘workplace’ setting, supported by structured teaching and learning activities. This clinical immersion will culminate in a ‘transition to practice semester’ in Year 4, which will be focused on providing you with the opportunity to be an active pre-resident member of a clinical team.

### TOP REASONS TO STUDY AT UQ OCHSNER



**UQ ranked #36 Best Global Universities. (U.S.News & World Report 2022-23)**



**OH nationally ranked, 1 adult and 2 children’s specialty. (US News Best Hospitals)**



**OH owns, manages or is affiliated with 46 hospitals and more than 370 health and urgent care centers across the Gulf South.**



**Secure residencies in highly competitive programs – 99% match rate (2024).**



**Learning in the clinical ‘workplace’ setting with early patient contact.**



**Dedicated USMLE Step 1 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, Louisiana

**English language proficiency requirements:** 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. [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 2024). The “indicative annual fee” is the cost of tuition in the Doctor of Medicine (MD-Ochsner) for the 2023 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 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, complete Immunisation requirements and fund travel and living expenses. [medicine.uq.edu.au/current-students/work-integrated-learning-wil-requirements](https://medicine.uq.edu.au/current-students/work-integrated-learning-wil-requirements)

### 2024 cohort demographics:



**Gender and age:**  
45% male, 55% female  
Average age: 26 years



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



**Average MCAT Score:**  
Ave: 510



**Terminal degree:**  
Masters Degree 21%  
Bachelors Degree 78%



*“Growing up I always wanted to pursue a career in helping others and the medical field allowed me to pursue this passion.*

*Having had education in two different health systems has really given me a global perspective in the way I wish to practice medicine.*

*During my time at Ochsner Health I was very fortunate to get the exposure into so many specialties and I’m really grateful for the mentors and friends I’ve made on the way.”*

**Rohit Rajendran**  
UQ-Ochsner  
Medicine Graduate

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about Rohit





## 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. 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 minimum MCAT score must be achieved in the four years prior to the intended start date of the program.

#### 2. GPA and pre-requisites

You will require a 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. 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.

All MD students must have evidence of prior experience in two subject pre-requisites: Integrative Cell and Tissue Biology, and Systems Physiology. The UQ-Ochsner Enrollment team will work to assess your academic history to determine this requirement has been met at application. The team will provide further advice and assistance to help you meet the requirement as necessary. We've developed four online short courses to aid assessed applicants who don't meet the subject prerequisites at no cost to the applicant.

#### 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 Enrollment team. The Enrollment 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 chose the UQ-Ochsner MD program because of the ability to study medicine in a more clinical based setting compared to a US medical school. The program is hands-on from first year and it is very insightful to have this exposure while studying from a textbook. I also didn't want to limit myself to just one place. I wanted to expand my knowledge and push my boundaries."*

**Brian Gutierrez**  
UQ-Ochsner  
Medical Student

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about Brian



## Application Process



### Interviews:

March until class fills



### Offers:

April to November



### Enroll for classes:

From late November



### Orientation:

End of January



### Commence classes:

End of January

## Match rates

Our graduates secure residencies in highly competitive programs, at leading hospitals across the US. In 2024 our graduates achieved a match rate of 99 per cent. For a full list of programs visit: [ochsner.uq.edu.au/match-rates](https://ochsner.uq.edu.au/match-rates)

### Matched residency specialties:

Anesthesiology	Neurology	Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Child Neurology	Neurosurgery	Plastic Surgery
Dermatology	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Psychiatry
Emergency Medicine	Ophthalmology	Radiology Diagnostic
Family Medicine	Orthopedics	Urology
General Surgery	Otolaryngology	Vascular Surgery
Internal Medicine	Pathology	
Medical Pediatrics	Pediatrics	
Medicine Preliminary	Pediatric Genetics	

## Student support

Moving overseas to pursue your career in medicine is a big step and at times you may need some support. We recognize that personalized 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 School Student Support Team:

The dedicated Medical School Student Support Team provides dedicated support to Medical School students for all wellbeing needs and refers to other services as required. The Medical School Student Support Team can assist students with their:

- Pastoral needs (e.g. individualized advice and referral to other services for accommodation and financial advice)
- Generic academic and learning needs (e.g. mentoring, time management and skills development)
- Physical and mental health needs
- International needs (e.g. adjusting to life in Australia)

### 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 organized 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 individualized 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 years 1 and 2 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.

### Inclusive Medical Education Guidelines for studying medicine

The UQ Medical School is committed to supporting the physical and mental health of all applicants. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Medical Deans of Australia and New Zealand publication, *Inclusive Medical Education - Guidance on medical program applicants and students with a disability*, before applying. [bit.ly/3xB7xe5](https://bit.ly/3xB7xe5)

Feel free to contact the Medical School Student Support Team for a



*“I get to study abroad in Australia but also I get to end up back at Ochsner Health which is exactly where I want to be for my medical education. The best part of studying medicine at UQ-Ochsner is knowing I’ll have a global network of friends and colleagues I can lean on and consult at anytime.”*

**Gracy Juba**  
UQ-Ochsner  
Medical Student

Watch a video  
about Gracy



confidential discussion before you apply. Email [med.mss@uq.edu.au](mailto:med.mss@uq.edu.au).

### 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)

## Scholarships

There are several scholarships available to UQ-Ochsner medical students.

- UQ-Ochsner MD-PhD Scholarship
- Dr. and Mrs. Roy Gregory Family Medicine Scholarship
- Perla S. Gil, MD Scholarship
- Ochsner Physician Scholars Program

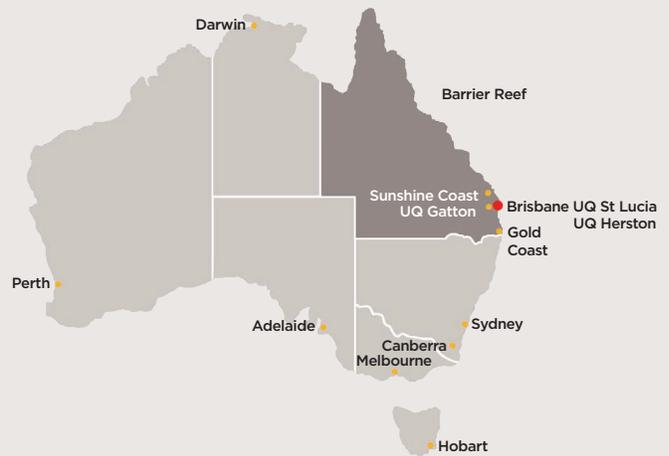
[ochsner.uq.edu.au/admissions/scholarships](https://ochsner.uq.edu.au/admissions/scholarships)

## Living in Brisbane

UQ is located in Brisbane, the capital of the state of Queensland. Medical students in Years 1 and 2 of the Doctor of Medicine (MD-Ochsner) program study at the University's St Lucia campus, only 4.3 miles from Brisbane's vibrant city center.

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 2021)



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



**Brisbane 3<sup>rd</sup> best student city in Australia**  
QS Best Student Cities 2024

## 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 neighborhoods, 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 inquiries:

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 [The University of Queensland Medical School - Ochsner](https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-university-of-queensland-medical-school-ochsner)

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)

