



A Foreign University Branch Campus of



Royal College of
Surgeons in Ireland



University College
Dublin

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Everything You Need to Know: From Application to Offer Letter	2
Everything You Need to Know: Visa and Garda Vetting	5
Everything You Need to Know: Vaccinations	8
Everything You Need to Know: Insurance in Ireland	10
Everything You Need to Know: Before Departure	12
Everything You Need to Know: Arrival in Dublin, Ireland	14
Everything You Need to Know: RCSI & UCD	16
Everything You Need to Know: Internship Opportunities	19

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Everything You Need to Know: From Application to Offer Letter	
<p>What is a Confidential Statement?</p>	<p>A Confidential Statement is equivalent to a reference letter. RUMC Admissions will provide a template, but you may also use your reference/institution's template if they have one.</p>
<p>As a home-schooled student, can I send a reference letter instead of a Confidential Statement since I have no direct teachers?</p>	<p>Yes, it is acceptable to send a reference letter. RUMC Admissions can provide you with a template to share with your reference.</p>
<p>Who can write the Confidential Statement? Can I use a letter of commendation from my previous university lecturers?</p>	<p>Yes, your lecturers from your previous university can assist in writing the Confidential Statement.</p>
<p>How do I get a Certified True Copy (CTC) as a home-schooled student without direct teachers?</p>	<p>Anyone associated with your educational institution can provide you with a CTC.</p>
<p>For the English Proficiency Paper (EPP), is my SPM transcript acceptable?</p>	<p>Yes, RUMC accepts CEFR grades from SPM, with a minimum requirement of C1. If you do not meet this requirement, you will need to sit for IELTS and achieve a band score of 6.</p>
<p>What happens if my results do not meet</p>	<p>if your results do not meet RUMC's entry</p>

<p>RUMC's entry requirements?</p>	<p>requirements, your application will be withdrawn, and the refund process will begin. Please note that the application fee of RM500 is non-refundable. However, deposits or payments made toward the Undergraduate Medicine programme will be refunded.</p>
<p>Do I need to make the final payment before the mentioned date, or can it be done later?</p>	<p>Ideally, the final payment and complete document submission should be done together before the deadline. However, if this is not possible, RUMC Admissions suggests making the payment first and submitting the documents later.</p>
<p>Will I receive a firm offer letter after my final results are released?</p>	<p>Yes, RUMC Admissions will issue a firm offer letter once you provide them with your final results.</p>
<p>Will the firm offer from RCSI be available in August?</p>	<p>Yes, it will be available and can be used for immigration purposes.</p>
<p>How and when can I get the registration letter?</p>	<p>The registration letter will be generated by RCSI and will be accessible via the RCSI portal.</p>
<p>As an RUMC Foundation in Science (FIS) student, can I submit online examination results instead of the final transcript?</p>	<p>Yes, you may email your online examination results to RUMC Admissions. Once you receive your final transcript, you will need to share it with Admissions.</p>

<p>As an RUMC FIS student, do I need to resubmit documents already sent during my initial application?</p>	<p>No, you do not need to resubmit documents. Your progression to the Undergraduate Medicine programme will be processed internally. If any documents are missing, RUMC Admissions will contact you.</p>
<p>What are the scholarship requirements?</p>	<p>You must be an offer letter holder and pay the deposit before the deadline stated in your offer letter.</p>
<p>When will we hear back about our scholarship allocations?</p>	<p>The Scholarship Committee will provide updates before May 2025.</p>

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Everything You Need to Know: Visa and Garda Vetting	
<p>What is Garda Vetting?</p>	<p>Garda Vetting is a mandatory background check conducted by the Garda National Vetting Bureau in Ireland. It is required for roles involving access to children, vulnerable adults, or sensitive information.</p>
<p>Where and when can we get our Certificate of Good Conduct (CGC)?</p>	<p>For Malaysian students, you may apply for the CGC through the website (https://ekonsular.kln.gov.my/login).</p> <p>For non-Malaysian students, please check with your respective home country on how to get the CGC.</p>
<p>How will I know if I need a visa for Ireland?</p>	<p>Students should verify their visa requirements by checking with the Irish Embassy or Consulate in their home country or visiting the official Irish Immigration website (https://www.ireland.ie/en/dfa/visas-for-ireland/)</p> <p>Here's the list of countries which require a visa along with your Firm Offer Letter;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India ● Kenya ● Jordan ● Pakistan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sudan • Turkey <p>Here's the list of countries that do not require a visa;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • Canada • Malaysia • USA <p><i>Note: The listing above provides examples of countries that require or do not require a visa to enter Ireland</i></p>
<p>When does the application open and how long will it take?</p>	<p>The Garda Vetting process starts in August and typically takes 2–4 weeks to process, though it may take longer during peak seasons.</p>
<p>Do I get my Garda vetting from my home country or in Ireland?</p>	<p>Garda Vetting is done in Ireland. However, police clearance and CGC must be obtained in your home country.</p>
<p>Would the visa process for Dublin be done by ourselves or will RUMC help us?</p>	<p>Students from visa-required countries must apply for a visa independently. It is advisable to begin the visa application process at least 3 months before departure.</p>
<p>If I require a visa to enter Ireland for my pre-clinical phase, do I get a multiple entry visa</p>	<p>Initially, you will be granted a single-entry visa. Once registered with Irish Immigration and issued an Irish Residence Permit (IRP), you can</p>



A Foreign University Branch Campus of



or a single entry visa?

apply for a multiple-entry visa.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Everything You Need to Know: Vaccinations	
Do we need the vaccination record from birth?	If you have any records of vaccinations, you can bring them along.
Do we need to take extra vaccinations?	This would be dependent on your health screening at RCSI or UCD. If you have a low immunisation, you may need to get extra vaccinations.
Can we get the health screening test in Malaysia and then bring the reports over to Dublin?	You don't need to. If you require a booster jab, the universities could assist you with that.
For the TB test record, would an x-ray be acceptable? Or it is only just IGRA or Mantoux?	All students need to get the TB test and it should be done using the IGRA or Mantoux test. Not an x-ray.
If I have the TB vaccine, do I need to take the vaccine again?	If you have already gotten the vaccine for TB, then your TB test results should state that you have the vaccine.
Is there a period of validity for the TB test?	Your TB test must have been done within the last 2 years. If it has been more than 2 years you will need to repeat this test. You can learn more about the vaccination



RCSI + UCD MALAYSIA CAMPUS

RUMC

A Foreign University Branch Campus of



RCSI

Royal College of
Surgeons in Ireland



University College
Dublin

requirements here; [RCSI](#) / [UCD](#)

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Everything You Need to Know: Insurance in Ireland	
Can we buy insurance for Ireland in Malaysia?	UCD has a group insurance team with Vhi. You can contact them and state that you would like to purchase the insurance. This can be done online, and usually, at this time - you would have already secured yourself an accommodation.
Do we need to get the insurance before arriving in Dublin?	Yes, you should purchase the insurance two weeks before your travel date. Should you fall sick or catch a cold before your arrival, you may need to get medical treatment and your insurance will cover you.
What should we put as the starting date for our insurance?	Generally, RUMC advises that you put your insurance start date as the date of your arrival in Ireland so you will be insured the moment you step into Ireland.
Is health insurance and medical insurance the same thing?	Yes, health insurance and medical insurance are the same thing.
Is there a specific insurance company that we should get our insurance from?	There is no specific company or preferred company you should buy from, but here is the list of companies you can explore; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VHI Healthcare



RCSI + UCD MALAYSIA CAMPUS

RUMC

A Foreign University Branch Campus of



RCSI

Royal College of
Surgeons in Ireland



University College
Dublin

- | | |
|--|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laya Healthcare• Irish Life Health• HSF Health Plan |
|--|---|

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Everything You Need to Know: Before Departure	
<p>Is there a list of travel agencies for flight ticket booking?</p>	<p>Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways and Emirates offer student airfare and privileges.</p> <p>For Malaysians, you can check out Sedunia Travel Services and request Ms Hsu Fen or Holiday Tours & Travel.</p> <p>These are just suggestions, but if you know more airlines or other travel agencies, you may go for them.</p>
<p>Is the one-way ticket only provided by the travel agents?</p>	<p>Yes, the ticket provided by the travelling agents will be a one-way ticket. A returning ticket would be borne by yourself.</p> <p>If you have found a more affordable alternative, you may go ahead with that agent. You are not limited to the travel agents that we have provided.</p>
<p>Can I travel after the recommended date?</p>	<p>You may, but there is a possibility that the fare will be higher.</p>
<p>Are RUMC students departing to/arriving at Dublin as a group, or individually?</p>	<p>Travel arrangements will be made individually. If you are travelling alone, we can group you with other students to travel together.</p>

<p>Could you provide more information regarding the bank statement and proof of funds?</p>	<p>For immigration purposes, your bank statement should show that you have €4,500. This is to show the Irish immigration that you have sufficient funding to stay in Ireland.</p> <p>Regarding opening a bank account, there are a couple of banks that you can choose from to open your bank. However, this process can only start once you have your Irish address and Irish phone number.</p>
<p>Do we need to renew our IC before departure?</p>	<p>You cannot renew your IC if your passport is not renewed. Please ensure your passport has a validity of 2 years, just in case you have no plans to return for the summer.</p>
<p>Can we buy books in our home country before flying?</p>	<p>Yes, you can purchase books if you have the luggage weight.</p> <p>But don't worry, your seniors will also be selling their reference books before they return to Penang,</p>

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Everything You Need to Know: Arrival in Dublin, Ireland	
Does Ireland use WISE as a form of payment?	<p>Yes, Ireland does accept WISE as a form of payment.</p> <p>But do bring some cash with you for an easier transaction while you set up your Irish bank.</p>
How much is the cost of living as a student in Dublin?	<p>Excluding the rental, the cost ranges from €400 to €1,000 depending on your lifestyle.</p> <p>You can refer to this website to have a general idea of what is it like to spend in Ireland.</p>
How is the public transport in Dublin?	<p>In Dublin, you will have access to public transport like buses, trains, trams and taxis.</p> <p>You should get a student leap card so you can ride on these public transports for an affordable price.</p>
If we were to rent a private apartment, does it usually include bills like electric, internet etc? If yes, how much is an estimated charge for basic bills?	<p>For private accommodation, the utility bills are not inclusive;</p> <p>Basic (Electricity, Heating, Cooling, Water, Garbage) for 85m² apartment - €212.70</p> <p>Mobile Phone Monthly Plans with Calls and</p>



RCSI + UCD MALAYSIA CAMPUS

RUMC

A Foreign University Branch Campus of



RCSI

Royal College of
Surgeons in Ireland



University College
Dublin

	<p>10GB+ Data - €20.54</p> <p>Internet (60Mbps or More, Unlimited Data, Cable/ADSL) - €48.40</p>
--	--



RCSI + UCD MALAYSIA CAMPUS
RUMC

A Foreign University Branch Campus of



QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Everything You Need to Know: RCSI & UCD	
<p>Is there a cut-off time for check-in for accommodation at UCD?</p>	<p>Currently, it should be within 24 hours. But should there be any updates, students will be informed via email.</p>
<p>Can students live in private accommodation in the first year?</p>	<p>RCSI & UCD provides accommodation for RUMC students, but it is limited. Once you have received your firm offer letter, you should get everything prepared as well.</p> <p>However, if you wish to get yourself private accommodation, you should ask someone in Dublin to check on the accommodation. This is to avoid getting scammed.</p>
<p>Can we take over the leases from our RUMC seniors leaving for Penang?</p>	<p>Yes, you may take over the leases from your seniors before they leave for Penang.</p>
<p>Will RUMC connect us with our seniors?</p>	<p>When you are in Dublin, there'll be a fresher's night and orientation week where you'll meet the seniors.</p>
<p>If I plan to travel to Ireland after the start of the Orientation week, what should I do if I miss the first day of Orientation?</p>	<p>For students allocated to UCD, there will be some repeated activities or orientation, so you don't need to worry if you missed some of the activities. But it is important not to miss the orientation for the School of Medicine, as that</p>



RCSI + UCD MALAYSIA CAMPUS
RUMC

A Foreign University Branch Campus of



University College
Dublin

	<p>is where you will meet your lecturers.</p> <p>For both universities, there is something known as Fresher's Week, where you will meet your RUMC seniors and you will get to talk to them. They may also be selling their reference books, so you don't have to worry about getting yourself one.</p>
<p>How many classes do we have per day?</p>	<p>The number of classes will be dependent on your schedule.</p> <p>Here is the list of subjects you will learn at RCSI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Foundation for Practice 1● The Body: Movement and Function● Foundation for Practice 2: Global Epidemiology, and Pathogenesis and Prevention of Disease● Cardiovascular System● <i>Elective/Student Choice</i>● Respiratory System <p>Here is the list of subjects you will learn at UCD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Basic Tissues & Early Develop● Musculoskeletal Biology● Clinical Science and Healthcare Informatics 1● Molecules in Medicine 2● Cell-Cell Signalling● Vascular Biology● Cardiac Biology● Renal Biology● Respiratory Biology

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Epidemiology, Biostatistics & Public Health
<p>I've been allocated to UCD for my pre-clinical years. Is there any specific transportation on the UCD campus?</p>	<p>On the campus itself, there is a bike rental called Bleeper Bike where you can rent a bicycle to get to your destination on campus. You may visit the website on UCD to learn more.</p> <p>To head out into the city, there are bus stops available within the campus vicinity and outside the campus.</p>
<p>For UCD accommodation, would we be able to check in to the residences early or do we have to arrange for private accommodation for the time being?</p>	<p>Accommodation is available after the stated date. If you arrive before that, you would have to book yourself a hotel room and then check in at your UCD accommodation after the date.</p>
<p>If we have our parents travelling with us, could they stay for a little while in the accommodation along with us?</p>	<p>Parents are not allowed to stay in the accommodation with you. If you have parents coming along, they would need to book themselves a hotel room.</p>

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Everything You Need to Know: Internship Opportunities	
<p>Would it affect our chances of getting matched for our desired specialities in the future as an RUMC graduate?</p>	<p>You will have to undergo your internship/housemanship before getting into a specialised field.</p>
<p>Will we be treated differently as to those who completed their full 5-year medical degree in Ireland?</p>	<p>No, you will not be treated differently. Graduates from RUMC receive the same internationally recognised medical degree as those who complete their full 5-year medical programme in Ireland. This degree is awarded by the National University of Ireland (NUI) and is globally acknowledged.</p>
<p>Can RUMC graduates apply to do a medical internship in Australia?</p>	<p>Yes, RUMC graduates can apply to undertake a medical internship in Australia as the RUMC's medical degree is internationally recognised.</p> <p>RUMC recommends checking with the relevant Australian state health departments, or the AMC for the most up-to-date requirements and guidelines.</p>
<p>Is it difficult for Malaysians to get a medical internship in Ireland?</p>	<p>Securing a medical internship in Ireland as a Malaysian graduate is competitive but achievable.</p> <p>RUMC encourage graduates to stay informed about the latest application guidelines and</p>



A Foreign University Branch Campus of



	requirements from the Irish Health Service Executive (HSE).
--	---