

Considering Applying to an International Medical School?

Things to consider...

- Why are you considering International Medical School?
- What strengths/attributes do you possess that will enable you to overcome additional difficulties such as difficult living conditions, the weather, less extensive learning resources, distance away from family, language both in and out of the classroom, financial aid, more limited teaching and clinical facilities, etc?
- Keep in mind that International Medical School Graduate must prepare to apply for residencies through the [National Resident Matching Program](#)
- Learn about living costs: Each Career Services office may have access to an outstanding resource called '[Going Global](#)'. This site can help you explore living costs, and find out information about the country you are considering attending medical school in.
 - CNS students can access it through your ScienceWorks account
 - Non-CNS students please check with your career services office
- Make sure you are knowledgeable about any post graduate/post residency requirements (For example, Duke has a medical school in Singapore and they require 1 year of work in Singapore after residency called paying their bond)
- Ask yourself if attending an international medical school will affect your ability to obtain a medical residency
- Does the University accept UT Pre-Med Prerequisites?

Make Sure To Ask The School Questions and Investigate...

- Is accredited and respected: [The World Directory of Medical Schools](#) provides accreditation data, university affiliations, etc.
- Do they accept undergraduate students or international students. In some countries students enter Medical School directly from high school.
- Have they been banned from the medical licensing board in the state you would want to practice in (E.g. California https://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/Schools_Recognized/. Call the board or check their website
- Do they follow Ethical Guidelines: <https://www.cfhi.org/global-health-programs-resources>
- Is the school listed on the (FAIMER) Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research's (IMED) [International Medical Education Directory](#)? (Students must graduate from and International Medical School listed in this directory to be eligible [for ECFMG certification](#)). ECFMG certification is required to be eligible for the (ACGME) Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's accredited residency programs in the U.S., and for licensure in many states.
- Ask if you can do clinical rotations in the state you would like to practice in
- Check their residency placement statistics
- Does the school prepare you to take the (USMLE) [United States Medical Licensing Exam](#)

Check out these articles:

- Pros and Cons of Applying to Foreign Medical Schools:
<http://www.usnews.com/education/blogs/medical-school-admissions-doctor/2011/08/01/pros-and-cons-of-applying-to-foreign-medical-schools>
- The Pros and Cons of International Medical Schools:
http://healthcareers.about.com/od/educationtraining/i/medschool_issue.htm

Quick Resource Links

- **Search their International Health Opportunities Directory**
<https://www.amsa.org/advocacy/action-committees/global-health/international-health/>
- **AAMC MSAR (has information on US and Canadian Medical Schools):**
<https://www.aamc.org/students/applying/requirements/msar/>
- **List of International Medical Schools:** <https://www.wdoms.org/>
- **Foreign Caribbean Schools :**http://web.jhu.edu/prepro/health/Applicants/international_schools.html

Need More Guidance?

If you would like to discuss applying to an international medical school further please schedule an appointment with a Pre-Health professions coach by using the online scheduling system or calling our front desk 512-471-3172. The link to the online scheduling system can be found on our website.