



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**

SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE,
DENTISTRY AND
BIOMEDICAL
SCIENCES



DEVELOP YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE



**Intercalated Degrees
2019-20**

Entrance Requirements

BSc – Applicants must have successfully completed a minimum of two years undergraduate medicine or dentistry. Please refer to <http://go.qub.ac.uk/intercalate> for application deadlines

Masters – Intercalating medical and dental applicants within QUB will be considered if they have successfully completed the third year of their course at first attempt and achieve at least a 2.1 Honours Standard. Intercalating applicants should also ensure they have permission to intercalate from either the Director of Medical Education or Dentistry, as appropriate.

An external medical or dental student wishing to intercalate must have successfully completed the 3rd/4th year of their course and passed all assessments at first attempt for the year in which they are applying. They must be ranked in the top half of their cohort. External intercalating applicants should also ensure they have the permission of the Head of Undergraduate Medical/Dental Education or equivalent from their home University, which should be submitted to QUB Admissions Office.

For initial enquiries about taking an intercalated year, medical students should contact Ms Perpetua Lewis (p.lewis@qub.ac.uk) in the Progress and Assessment Office of the Centre for Medical Education for further information and for a copy of the permission form for a year out. Dental students should contact Mrs Helen Martin (h.martin@qub.ac.uk) in the Centre for Dentistry.

How to Apply and Closing Dates

Masters – Applicants can apply for the specific Masters programme via the Universities 'Direct Application Portal' (DAP). See <https://dap.qub.ac.uk/portal> for more information. Applicants applying for a School Scholarship must submit their application by Thursday 31 January 2019. Closing date for all remaining application is Friday 29 March 2019. For deadlines of other scholarship opportunities please refer to <http://go.qub.ac.uk/intercalate>

BSc – forms to apply for an intercalated BSc are available from <http://go.qub.ac.uk/intercalate> all forms to be returned to the Centre for Biomedical Sciences Education.

PhD – interested applicants should consult the School's Postgraduate and Professional Development Office in the first instance

Duration

BSc & Masters – 1 year; PhD – 3 years

Tuition Fees

Visit <http://go.qub.ac.uk/tuition> for up-to-date information on tuition fees.

WHY TAKE AN INTERCALATED YEAR OUT

An intercalated degree provides a unique exposure to modern science. This degree, undertaken during medical or dental training, involves an extra year of study at the end of second or third year giving students the opportunity to explore in depth an area of particular interest whilst working towards a Bachelor of Science or Masters degree. Appropriate training is provided in research methods and an opportunity is provided to work with experts in the field. Students can also enhance transferable skills such as researching literature and critical scientific thinking.

WHAT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

The following Intercalated degrees can be taken at Queen's University Belfast

- i) Bachelor level (BSc) after successful completion of 2nd or 3rd year medicine or dentistry;
 - Medical Science
 - Biochemistry
 - Microbiology
 - Psychology
- ii) Masters level after successful completion of at least 3 years medicine or dentistry.
 - MPH (Masters in Public Health)
 - MPH in Global Health
 - MSc in Bioinformatics and Computational Genomics
 - MSc in Clinical Anatomy
 - MSc in Molecular Pathology of Cancer
 - MSc (Res) Cancer Medicine
 - MSc (Res) Oncology Drug Discovery
 - MSc Experimental Medicine
- iii) It is also possible to undertake an intercalated degree externally
- iv) PhD – for further information contact the School's Postgraduate and Professional Development Office in the first instance

WHY QUB

The focus of intercalated degrees is largely on research providing valuable training and creating opportunities to publish work and attend scientific meetings. There is a strong research ethos within the School focusing on four multidisciplinary centres of excellence:

- Centre for Cancer Research & Cell Biology
- Centre for Experimental Medicine
- Centre for Public Health
- Centre for Medical Education

CLINICAL ACADEMIC TRAINING AT QUB

Clinical academic medicine offers an interesting and rewarding career path combining clinical practice with research, teaching and training. An Intercalated Degree provides a unique opportunity to engage in scientific research which may well be the first step in acquiring the necessary generic skills to pursue a successful career in academic medicine. This provides applicants with a competitive edge when applying for Foundation jobs.

Further information on opportunities to engage in academic medicine and an overview of potential career paths for clinical academics be found on <http://go.qub.ac.uk/QUB-CATP>.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

Students interested in an intercalated BSc can apply for funding from a number of external sources including the Wolfson Foundation, Association of Physicians, Digestive Disorders Foundation and British Association of Dermatologists. Students may also be eligible for The Medical Undergraduate Intercalated Scholarship to the value of £5,000.

The School of Medicine, Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences will offer up to 7 competitive intercalated scholarships to QUB Medical and Dental students to complete an Intercalated Masters. These Scholarships, to the value of £6,500 each, will cover Tuition Fees and a Bursary. Applicants also have the opportunity to apply for The Mathews Family Scholarship for Medical Students. Further Scholarships may become available and will be advertised on our website.

For full details on all funding opportunities including regulations, eligibility requirements, deadlines and details on how to apply please visit: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/intercalate>. Advice on financing an intercalated year of study can also be found on these webpages.

CONTACT US

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FROM OUR PAST STUDENTS

"Being involved in the masters programme provided opportunity to undertake my own piece of research which I found quite exciting because I feel that research is so important for the improvement of patient care through disease treatment and prevention".
Matthew Irvine

"Early research experience is invaluable because research plays a part in every medical specialty. Also, it cannot be denied that an additional degree gives you an edge when you complete your CV."
Helen Breen