



## **Established Partnership and Program Overview**

**Established in 1993**, Queen's University Belfast (QUB) has maintained a longstanding partnership with the International Medical University (IMU) in Malaysia. Each year, we welcome 10 IMU students into our third year as part of an articulation agreement. These students join our cohorts to undertake the clinical components from years three to five, ultimately graduating with Queen's Bachelor of Medicine (MB), Bachelor of Surgery (BCh), and Bachelor in the Art of Obstetrics (BAO) degrees. Upon graduation, students are eligible to apply for provisional registration with the General Medical Council (GMC).

## **Interested in Joining QUB?**

Queen's University Belfast is situated in the capital of Northern Ireland, in the vibrant Queen's Quarter known for its picturesque Victorian and Edwardian architecture. The city is well-connected to the rest of the UK by various transportation options.

## **Air Connectivity**

- **Airports:**
  - **Belfast International Airport (BFS):** Located about 18 miles northwest of the city centre, offering flights to and from many UK cities including London, Manchester, Birmingham, and Glasgow.
  - **George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD):** Just 3 miles from the city centre, providing frequent connections to London and other major UK cities.
- **Airlines:** Major airlines such as British Airways, EasyJet, Ryanair, and Aer Lingus operate regular flights to and from Belfast.

## **Joining QUB**

To join QUB, students must have successfully completed the first part of their program at IMU. A computer-based program is used to match students with a partner school, with input from both students and partner schools. QUB considers students' academic records and progress at IMU to inform the matching process. IMU advises students about the matching process.

Students must achieve an IELTS Academic score of 7.5 or above, with a minimum of 7.0 in all four elements of the test (or an equivalent qualification) within the last two years at the point of application.

## **Restrictions**

We cannot consider:

- Requests from students seeking a direct transfer from IMU to QUB.

- Requests from IMU students who apply directly to QUB instead of accepting the transfer option assigned through the matching process.

All students will normally be awarded a student visa to undertake study in the UK, which must be applied for before arriving in the UK. Our Admissions & Access Team and Immigration Support Service can provide guidance on this process

### **What to Expect**

Students are enrolled on a full-time basis and are entitled to all benefits as Queen's students. The curriculum at QUB is similar to the program at IMU.

- **Year 3:** Comprises two longitudinal integrated clerkships (LICs); one in a tertiary referral centre and one in a District General Hospital within the Greater Belfast Area. The LIC includes general medicine and surgery, dermatology, haematology, ophthalmology, nephrology, endocrinology, ENT, cardiology, musculoskeletal medicine, neurosciences, acute care, and general practice.
- **Year 4:** Comprises attachments in child health, reproductive health, ageing and health, radiology, oncology, acute care, and general practice.
- **Year 5:** Focuses on acute and chronic care, with students undertaking hospital and community-based attachments. Students complete a six-week assistantship during the final year.

### **Support Available from QUB**

- **Bridging Course:** Successful IMU students are required to complete a two-week Bridging Course in Belfast before the academic year commences. This course begins during the second week in August. This course facilitates the transition to QUB, covering induction and orientation as well as clinical and communication skills training and revision of some basic science subjects.
- **Personal Mentor:** During their time at QUB, students will be allocated a personal mentor to support them throughout their academic journey.
- **Arrival Support:** On arrival in Belfast, we offer support with airport pick-ups.

By joining QUB, students benefit from a comprehensive support system and a curriculum designed to integrate seamlessly with their prior studies, ensuring a smooth transition and successful completion of their medical education.