

International Medical University (IMU)

The IMU Scholarship Programmes

1. Introduction

The International Medical University (IMU) has recognized that there are many Malaysian students who aspire to be a health science professional. For various reasons, some of these students are not able to achieve their life-long ambition, including those students whose families do not have the financial resources to support them for entry into an international institution like the IMU.

In view of this, the IMU has established a number of scholarships to be awarded to:

- Two (2) students to pursue the undergraduate medical course in Malaysia leading to the MBBS (IMU).
- One (1) student to pursue the Bachelor of Pharmacy programme to be conducted wholly in IMU, leading to the BPharm (Hons).
- Two (2) students to pursue the Bachelor of Nursing degree leading to the BNursing (Hons).

Students who wish to apply must have excellent academic background together with other qualities, including strong extra-curricula activities and who, for financial reasons, would otherwise be unable to pursue a career in medicine, pharmacy or nursing.

These prestigious scholarships are established to reflect the IMU's contribution to society. It also is an integral part of the University's staff development scheme to groom young individuals with high potential to be part of the future IMU faculty for training of medical, pharmacy and allied health professionals. This is in line with our nations strive towards excellence in education and health care in the 21st century.

2. Terms and Conditions

2.1 *Medical Programme*

Two (2) scholarships will be awarded for the August intake of the medical course. Each scholarship will cover the full tuition fees for the entire duration of the 5-year undergraduate medical course at the IMU, valued at **RM 370,000**.

2.2 *Bachelor of Pharmacy Programme*

One (1) scholarship will be awarded for the BPharm (Hons) course commencing every July. Each scholarship will cover the full tuition fees for the 4 year pharmacy course, valued at **RM 149,600**.

2.3 *Bachelor of Nursing Programme*

Two (2) scholarships will be awarded for the BNursing (Hons) course commencing every July. Each scholarship will cover the full tuition fees for 4 year nursing course valued at **RM 75,200**.

The scholarships are open to all Malaysians but are not meant for students who are already enrolled in the IMU. The scholarship will provide full remission of tuition fees for the duration of the entire undergraduate course at the IMU, subject to satisfactory progress. Living Expenses will also be provided to the value of RM 10,000 per annum.

3. Eligibility to apply

3.1 **Academic Achievements*

Candidates are required to have an excellent academic record consistently. This has to be supported with certified documents. Among the academic achievements, the candidate is expected to have at least the following:-

3.1.1. *For Medical and Pharmacy Scholarship the academic requirements are:*

3.1.2. *At SPM or O-level or equivalent*

A minimum of 5 subjects including 3 science subjects, English and Bahasa Malaysia with at least an A- in individual subjects.

3.1.3. *At Pre-University level*

STPM	Minimum A-A-A- in any 3 science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, or Physics)
A-level	Minimum AAB in any 3 science subjects (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, or Physics)
Australian Matriculation (minimum 5 subjects including 3 sciences and English)	Average of not less than 90% aggregate (TER:95>). Not less than 17/20 points in individual subjects
Canadian Pre-university (CPU) (minimum 6 subjects including 3 sciences and English)	Average of not less than 90% aggregate and not less than 85% in individual subjects
Local Matriculation (minimum 3 science subjects and English)	AAA cGPA = not less than 3.8; Grade A in English. (B4 in Math, Add Math, Phy, Chem & Bio / other technical subject at SPM level)
Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) (minimum 5 subjects including 3 sciences, Math and Add Math)	At least an A2, A2, B3, B3, B3 or equivalent, with a score of not less than B4 in each subject
International Baccalaureate (IB) (min. 6 subjects including the science	Average of not less than 35 points with a score of not less than 5 in individual subjects

subjects at HL and one science at SL)	
American High School Diploma with Advanced Placement (AP)	cGPA of not less than 3.8 or better. Two science subjects must be AP courses and must have a score not less than 4 in each subject
Indian Pre-university certificate	A score of not less than 90%
NCEA Level 3	Average of not less than 85%
Australian University Foundation Programmes	Average of not less than 95% aggregate
Diploma in Science (UiTM) (Medical only)	cGPA = not less than 3.8
Diploma in Microbiology (UiTM) (Medical only)	cGPA = not less than 3.8
Diploma in Science (Pharmacy only)	cGPA = not less than 3.8
Foundation in Science (KBU only)	cGPA = not less than 3.8

3.1.4. For Nursing Scholarship the academic requirements are:

3.1.5. At Pre-University level

Students from both Arts & Science streams can apply.

For entry at Semester 1

Level of Study	Minimum Grade Requirement
A-Levels	EE
STPM	cGPA = not less than 2.50 (Science Stream) cGPA = not less than 2.50 (Art Stream students must also have credit in Math and Science at SPM level)
Ministry of Education (MOE) Matriculation	cGPA of 2.50 or equivalent
UEC (Senior Middle 111)	At least B6 in five subjects
Foundation	cGPA of 3.00
Diploma	Minimum cGPA of 2.50 (Diploma in Science) Minimum cGPA of 2.50 (and credit in Science and Math at SPM level) (Diploma in Art)
Australian Matriculation	TER 65 >
NCEA Level 3	Average of not less than 50% aggregate
Canadian Grade 12/13	Average of not less than 60% aggregate in 6 subjects
Australian University Foundation Programmes	Average of not less than 60% aggregate
Indian Pre-University	Average of not less than 60% aggregate
International Baccalaureate (IB)	Full Diploma (average of not less than 24 points)

3.2 *English Language Requirements*

Applicants are required to have one of these at the point of application:

MUET	Band Score of 4 or better
IELTS	Average band score of 6.5 or better

3.2 *Other criteria*

- Candidates who are currently in a public university and pursuing their **FIRST** year of a degree/diploma/certificate program except for those who are currently enrolled in medicine, pharmacy, nursing and dentistry in a Malaysian public university are eligible to apply.
- Candidates who possess a first degree are not eligible for the IMU Scholarship.
- Candidates with a diploma in health-related subjects such as microbiology, medical laboratory technology, etc are eligible for the IMU Scholarship.
- The maximum cut-off age for a candidate to apply for this scholarship is 24 years of age as of January 1st of this year.

3.3 *Good command of languages*

The teaching faculty of the IMU includes full-time expatriates and rotating faculty from the Partner Medical Schools. As such, all IMU students are required to be fluent in spoken English and have a good proficiency in written English. In addition, candidates are expected to be fluent in Bahasa Malaysia because they have to function effectively as students and later on as doctors, pharmacists and nurses.

3.4 *Socio-economic Background*

The applicant must provide evidence that he/she is unable to afford an education at the IMU. Documented evidence of the income of parents/guardian/spouse or self must be provided, together with a certified copy of the parents' Income Tax Form. Where this is not available, equivalent documents must be submitted **i.e.** if parents are government servants, they would have to fill in the "Borang Akuan Ketua Jabatan" form or if parents are non-government servants, the documents must be endorsed by a notary or legal person. The combined annual income of both parents/applicant and spouse should not exceed **RM50, 000**. The candidate must also declare any other financial aid or scholarship applying for or received.

3.5 *Extra-curricular Achievements*

The candidate should present documented evidence (awards and other certificates) of co-curriculum activities, leadership qualities, achievements in the fine arts or other forms of creativity. Proven commitment to social work or uniformed organisations will be an advantage.

3.6 Other factors

If there are any special circumstances, which may be helpful to the candidate's application, written or documented evidence must be provided.

4. Conditions during and after medical, pharmacy or nursing course

4.1 The scholar is expected to pass all examinations of the IMU at all times. Failure to do so may involve suspension or discontinuation of the scholarship. The academic performance of the scholarship will be monitored regularly by the respective Dean and reported to the Scholarship Selection Committee.

4.2 IMU Scholarship Bond:

Terms	Medical (MBBS (IMU))	Pharmacy (BPharm)	Nursing (BNursing)
i. Period of Study	5 years	4 years	4 years
ii. Amount of Scholarship	RM370,000	RM149,600	RM75,200
iii. Living Allowance (per annum) (Approved by EXCO on 14 June 2006)	RM10,000 (1)	RM10,000 (1)	RM10,000 (1)
iv. Bond Period (2)	7 years	6 years	4 years (3)
v. Commencement of Bond Period	Immediately upon completion of Housemanship (4)	Immediately upon completion of Pupillage (5) or Compulsory Government Service	Immediately upon completion of degree course
vi. Further Bond Period for Postgraduate Training	Further bond will run consecutively.	Bond Period (iv above) will be halved and further bond will run consecutively.	Bond Period (iv above) will be halved and further bond will run consecutively.
vii. Bond Period for Postgraduate Training (as per Human Resource Policy)	Local postgraduate: 1 year bond for each year of study; or Foreign postgraduate: 1.5 years' bond for each year of study, subject to minimum bond period of 4 years	Local postgraduate: 1 year bond for each year of study; or Foreign postgraduate: 1.5 years' bond for each year of study, subject to minimum bond period of 4 years	Local postgraduate: 1 year bond for each year of study; or Foreign postgraduate: 1.5 years' bond for each year of study, subject to minimum bond period of 4 years

viii. Default of Terms of Student Bond Agreement (including failure to complete course)	Student to refund all monies expended by IMU under the scholarship (“Refund”) + 20% of Refund	Student to refund all monies expended by IMU under the scholarship (“Refund”) + 20% of Refund	Student to refund all monies expended by IMU under the scholarship (“Refund”) + 20% of Refund
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Notes:

- (1) Where hostel accommodation is provided by IMU, Living Allowance will be RM8,000.
- (2) Scholarship students to serve this period if no postgraduate training is required.
- (3) Compulsory Government Service will be arranged at MOH hospitals used by IMU.
- (4) In the event Compulsory Government Service can be arranged at MOH hospitals used by IMU.
- (5) This term is not included in the Student Bond Agreement as a separate agreement will be signed if student progresses to postgraduate training financed by IMU.

5. Procedures for applying

- 5.1 Advertisements will be placed in all major newspapers in March / April inviting candidates to send in an application. Application forms and instructions will be placed on the IMU main website. (www.imu.edu.my)
- 5.2 Candidates are required to send in completed application forms with academic, financial and extra-curricular information attached. Other documents such as Hepatitis B status and a confidential report from your education institution will also be required.
- 5.3 Potential candidates for the scholarship will be short listed for interview.
- 5.4 The IMU Scholarship Selection Committee will conduct interviews.
- 5.5 The final decision on the Scholarship Selection Committee will be made known at least 15 days prior to the commencement of the Semester.
- 5.6 The successful applicant must reply in writing on acceptance or rejection of the offer of the scholarship one week before commencement of the semester.

Timeline for IMU Scholarship 2011

NO	EVENT	BPharm and Nursing DATE / DEADLINE 2011	TIMELAG (working days)	Medical DATE / DEADLINE 2011	TIMELAG (working days)
1.	Advertisement	Mid March onwards		Mid March onwards	
2.	Deadline of submission	6 May	7 weeks	11 June	3 months
3.	Shortlisting process	13 May	5 days	20 June	6 days
4.	Presentation of Selection Report to SSC, approval of Shortlisting Committee's decisions	18 May	3 days	23 June	3 days
5.	Invitation to attend interview	23 May	3 days	27 June	2 days
6.	Interview	1 June-7 June	2 weeks	4-8 July	9 days
7.	Decision	7 June		8 July	
8.	Circularise to BOG – response deadline	10 June	3 days	13 July	3 days
9.	Announcement to students / signing of contracts	20 June	6 days	29 July	12 days
10.	Semester commences	Nursing – 11 July 2011 BPharm – 11 July 2011	3-4 weeks	Medical – 22 August 2011	3 weeks +

6. Members for the Scholarship Selection Committee

Total number of members on the Committee: 6

- i. Provost
- ii. Dean of Medical Sciences / Dean, School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences / Nursing
- iii. Head of Programme if applicable
- iv. One (1) representative from Senate
- v. Two (2) representatives from the IMU Faculty