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Dear Mr Dennis

Thank you for your enquiry to London Medicine regarding an elective placement in a London hospital.

I am pleased to enclose a list of the London Medical Schools that you may wish to approach regarding an elective post. There is no central elective co-ordinator for the University of London, therefore I suggest that you address your letter to the individual institutions for the attention of the Elective Co-ordinator.

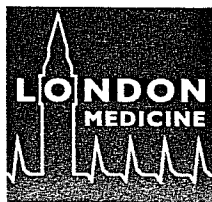
I also enclosed some information about medical education and training in the UK which includes some useful contacts who will be able to answer your questions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louise Rowlands". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Louise Rowlands
Information Officer



Education and training for doctors

Doctors who have qualified outside the UK can come to the UK to take up salaried training posts, supernumerary posts and observer attachments. Salaried training posts usually combine clinical experience with taught courses. You could also undertake short courses or study for a research degree, masters degree, diploma or certificate in one of the many specialist areas offered or study for the membership examinations of the Royal Colleges. Academic sponsorship is available through organisations such as the British Council, the Association of Commonwealth Universities and the World Health Organisation. The Overseas Doctors Training Scheme also offers sponsorship for specialist training.

There are many sources of help and information available to you. The British Council office in your own country will usually have reference books, directories and information leaflets on aspects of UK medical education and training, as does the National Advice Centre for Postgraduate Medical Education (NACPME) in the UK. The Overseas Doctors Association runs an advisory and welfare service for overseas doctors working in the UK. Some training posts require temporary registration as a UK doctor: the General Medical Council will advise on this and the English Language (PLAB) test. The British Medical Association and the Royal Colleges can give information on training posts.

Registration

Doctors are required to register with the Overseas Registration Division of the General Medical Council (GMC) before engaging in employment or clinical training in the United Kingdom. Registration grants prospective doctors the legal status necessary to carry out professional duties. There are three types of registration: full, provisional, and limited. The General Medical Council plays no part in obtaining employment for doctors. We advise contacting the GMC for further information well before the intended date of travel to Britain.

*General Medical Council
Overseas Registration Division
178-202 Great Portland Street
London W1N 6JE
Tel: (171) 580 7642*

The British Medical Association also offers advice to overseas doctors who intend to work in the UK.



*British Medical Association
International Department
BMA House
Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9JP
Tel: (171) 383 6491*

Dentists need to register with the General Dental Council (GDC) to gain the legal status necessary for employment or training in the United Kingdom. Two types of registration are available: full and temporary. The General Dental Council does not arrange employment for dentists. We advise contacting the GDC for further information well before the intended date of travel to Britain.

*General Dental Council
37 Wimpole Street
London W1M 8DQ
Tel: (171) 486 2171*

Advertised Vacancies

Hospital and university appointments in the UK are obtained in open competition. Vacancies for medical posts may be advertised in the following journals:

*British Medical Journal
BMA House
Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9JR
<http://www.bmj.com>*

*The Lancet
42 Bedford Square
London WC1B 3SL
<http://www.thelancet.com>*

Dental posts in the training grades are advertised in the pages of:

*British Dental Journal
BMA House
Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9JR*

The National Advice Centre for Postgraduate Medical Education offers an information and advisory service for overseas-qualified doctors wishing to undertake further medical training in the UK. Information is available on a variety of topics, including

postgraduate study requirements, the qualifications necessary for General Medical Council registration, medical defence insurance needs and clinical training opportunities. The National Advice Centre for Postgraduate Medical Education is not in a position to obtain posts or attachments for doctors, nor can it seek to influence the General Medical Council or other authorities on their behalf. Written enquiries should be addressed to:

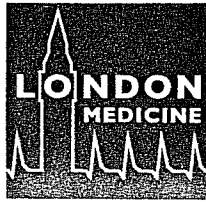
*National Advice Centre for Postgraduate Medical Education
LIBID / 3rd Floor
The British Council
Medlock Street
Manchester M15 4PR*

If a visit in person is possible, students should arrange an appointment with:

*The British Council
Education Information Service
10 Spring Gardens
London SW1A 2BN
Tel: (171) 930 8466*

The National Advice Centre for Postgraduate Dental Education was established as an advisory service mainly for overseas dentists requiring guidance on postgraduate training in the UK. It is advised that the Centre be contacted at least one year before the proposed period of study in Britain.

*National Advice Centre for Postgraduate Dental Education
Faculty of Dental Surgery
The Royal College of Surgeons of England
35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London WC2A 3PN
Tel: (171) 405 3474 ext. 4064*



Education, Training and Research

Introduction

Doctors from around the world come to the United Kingdom to take advantage of the education and training offered by UK medical schools, universities and hospitals. At undergraduate level, places for overseas medical students are scarce and highly competitive, but for qualified doctors and dentists from overseas there are a wide range of opportunities. Many of the UK's hospitals, such as Great Ormond Street, Moorfield's Eye Hospital, the Royal Marsden and Harefield Hospital are world-famous and at the forefront of research, teaching and treatment in their specialties.

London's medical schools - An overview

The programmes of study offered by London's medical schools include courses leading to diplomas, master's degrees and professional qualifications. These are supplemented by short courses, seminars and other opportunities for up-dating one's professional expertise.

Some of the courses, such as the MSc in Theoretical Psychoanalytic Studies at University College London, are unique in Europe. In addition, the medical schools offer wide-ranging opportunities for medical and scientific research leading to doctorates and other higher qualification. London is also home to the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Britain's national school of public health and a leading institution in Europe for research and postgraduate education in public health and tropical medicine.

Opportunities for overseas students

Over the years, many of the world's leading doctors and scientists have studied at London's medical schools. Today, around 1,000 overseas postgraduate students from 115 countries or over 46% of all those attending courses in the UK study medicine and dentistry in London's schools each year. With places on undergraduate programmes much in demand, the number of places for overseas students is restricted to 5% of the national total. Imperial College School of Medicine at St Mary's has a higher number of undergraduate applications per place than any other medical school in the UK. Training and research opportunities also exist in many of London's hospitals. These range from formally structured programmes of study to conferences, short courses and less formal opportunities for visiting doctors and dentists to spend time working as observers with teams of internationally renowned specialists. London's Royal Colleges offer a variety of networking and educational



opportunities. The Royal Society of Medicine, for example, organises over 1,000 professional meetings and conferences each year. Basic science education and research are also carried out to a very high standard in a large number of London's other universities, as well as in nursing and paramedical training institutions.

A unique combination

The combination of high-level educational standards, wide-ranging research facilities and easy access to regulatory agencies such as the European Medicines Evaluation Agency, the Medicines Control Agency and the Medical Devices Agency together with the specialist support services available throughout the city confirms London's position as a world leader in medical education and research.

The following London Medicine publications are also available:

- ◇ Private healthcare
- ◇ Support for healthcare businesses
- ◇ Unique medical community
- ◇ London: world centre of medical excellence
- ◇ 100 facts on London Medicine
- ◇ The Key to Medical Excellence in London

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<http://www.londonmedicine.org.uk>

MEDICAL SCHOOLS: PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

CHARING CROSS AND WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL

The Reynolds Building, St Dunstan's Road,
London W6 8RP

Tel: (+44) 181 846 1234

Fax: (+44) 181 846 7222

<http://www.cxwms.ac.uk>

MBBS

Intercalated BSc (Honours) degree

MPhil

PhD

IMPERIAL COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE NATIONAL HEART AND LUNG INSTITUTE

Dovehouse Street, London, SW3 6LY

Tel: (+44) 171 351 8188

Fax: (+44) 171 376 3442

<http://www.ic.ac.uk>

Taught courses

MSc Cardiology

MSc Membrane Ion Transport

MSc Respiratory Medicine

Diploma in Cardiac Surgery

Diploma in Cardiology

Diploma in Paediatric Cardiology

Diploma in Thoracic Medicine

Research degrees

Study for MPhil, PhD, MS/MD

IMPERIAL COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT ST MARY'S

Norfolk Place, Paddington, London, W2 1PG

Tel: (+44) 171 723 1252

Fax: (+44) 171 724 7349

<http://www.ic.ac.uk>

Undergraduate programmes

MB BS and Intercalated BSC

Postgraduate courses

MSc

Training for membership of the Royal

College of Pathologists (MRCPath)

Research studentships leading to MD,

MPhil and PhD

INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH

15 Cotswold Road, Sutton, Surrey

Tel: (+44) 181 643 8901

Fax: (+44) 181 643 3216

<http://www.icr.ac.uk>

Undergraduate

Diploma and BSc in Cancer Nursing

Diploma and BSc in Palliative Nursing

Postgraduate

MSc in Cancer Care

MSc in Palliative Care

Diploma in Clinical Oncology

Postgraduate research

MPhil/PhD, MD/MS

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

Bessemer Road, London SE5 9PJ

Tel: (+44) 171 346 3000

Fax: (+44) 171 737 0447

<http://www.kcl.ac.uk>

Medicine

MSc

Clinical Biochemistry

Diabetes & Endocrinology

Epileptology

Histopathology

Medical Engineering & Physics

Medical Immunology

Nuclear Medicine

Dentistry

Diploma

Community Dental Health

Community Dental Practice

Paediatric Dentistry

MSc

Community Dental Practice

Dental Public Health

Dental Radiology

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Orthodontics

Children's Dentistry

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY

De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5
8AF

Tel: (+44) 171 703 5411

Fax: (+44) 171 703 5796

<http://www.iop.bpmf.ac.uk>

MSc

*Clinical Psychology
Neuroscience*

Diploma

*Family and Marital Therapy
Addiction Behaviour
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Social Work in Mental Health Settings
Therapy with Couples*

Other

*MPhil Psychiatry
MRC Psych
The Board Certification in Psychiatry
Course in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
Post-Qualifying Course in Clinical
Neuropsychology
Clinical Associateship
Short Courses*

UNITED MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS (UMDS)

St Thomas' Hospital, London, SE1 7EH

Tel: (+44) 171 928 9292

Fax: (+44) 171 922 8254

<http://www.umds.ac.uk>

Diploma

*Addictions Counselling
Clinical Psychotherapy
Dermatology
Medical Informatics
MRD
Psychiatric Practice
DRCOG courses
MRCOG courses
MRCP courses*

MSc courses

*Clinical Biochemistry
Clinical Dermatology (Dermatology)
Clinical Dermatology (Microbiology)*

Dental school MSc courses

*Conservative Dentistry
Endodontics
Children's Dentistry
Prosthetic Dentistry
Oral Surgery
Orthodontics
Periodontology*

LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE & TROPICAL MEDICINE

Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT

Tel: (+44) 171 636 8636

Fax: (+44) 171 436 5389

<http://www.lshtm.ac.uk>

*MSc degrees (12 months duration beginning in
September each year) in:*

*Analysis for healthcare decisions
Applied molecular biology of infectious
diseases
Biology and control of disease vectors
Communicable disease epidemiology
Control of infectious diseases
Epidemiology
Health policy, planning and financing
Health promotion sciences
Health services management
Immunology of infectious diseases
Infection and health in the tropics
Medical demography
Medical microbiology
Medical parasitology
Medical statistics
Public health
Public health in developing countries
Public health nutrition
Virology*

Other

*DrPH (3 years)
PhD (3 years)
Students may undertake research in their
own country
Diploma in tropical medicine and
hygiene (3 months)
Diploma in tropical nursing
Distanced based learning (commencing
September 1998)
A large portfolio of short courses (current
list available on request)*

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S AND THE ROYAL LONDON HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY AT QUEEN MARY AND WESTFIELD COLLEGE

Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS

Tel: (+44) 171 975 5074

Fax: (+44) 171 975 5588

<http://www.qmw.ac.uk>

Undergraduate

*Medical and dental phase I
Medical and dental phase II
Medical and dental phase III
Intercalated degrees - BSc and
bmedsci
BSc basic medical science*

QMW (continued)*Diploma*

Academic and practical physiotherapy for sports
Medical electronics and medical equipment management
Sports medicine
Clinical microbiology

MSc

Clinical microbiology
Gastroenterology
Medical electronics and physics
Nuclear medicine
Physical activity and nutrition
Radiation biology
Sports medicine
Children's dentistry
Dental materials science
Dental public health
Dental technology
Experimental oral pathology
Gerodontology
Oral surgery
Orthodontics
Periodontology

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL

Du Cane Road, London, W12 0NN

Tel: (+44) 181 740 3118

Fax: (+44) 181 734 6764

Email: s.registry@rpms.ac.uk

http://www.rpms.ac.uk/rpms_home.html*MSc*

Clinical Biochemistry
Clinical Chemistry
Haematology
Histopathology
Human Reproductive Biology
Immunology
Infectious Diseases
Molecular Medicine
Neuroendocrinology
Nuclear Medicine
Renal Medicine
Surgical Science
Toxicology (Experimental Pathology and Biochemical Mechanisms)

Diploma

Clinical Pathology
Endocrinology
Internal Medicine
Medical Imaging
Nephrology
Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Perinatal Paediatrics

ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE

Royal College Street, London, NW1 0TU

Tel: (+44) 171 468 5000

Fax: (+44) 171 388 2342

<http://www.rvc.ac.uk>

E-mail: ffryer@rvc.ac.uk.

Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVetMed), leading to membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Master's Degrees

MSc in Food Animal Health
MSc in Veterinary Microbiology
MSc in Veterinary Pathology
MSc in Wild Animal Health
Master of Veterinary Medicine (clinical studies)

*MPhil, PhD and DVetMed by Research**Veterinary nursing*

The College runs programmes in Veterinary Nursing jointly with the College of Animal Welfare.

Continuing education

The College, through its Unit for Veterinary Continuing Education (UVCE), offers an extensive programme of continuing vocational education for practising veterinary surgeons.

THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

29-39 Brunswick Square, London, WC1N 1AX.

Tel: (+44) 171 753 5800

Fax: (+44) 171 278 0622

<http://pck.pharm.lon.ac.uk/>*MPharm*

Master's Degree in Clinical Pharmacy, International Policy and Practice
BSc Pharmacology and Toxicology
Research Degrees leading to the DPhil, or occasionally MPhil, are available in a range of subjects

ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

Cranmer Terrace, London, SW17 0RE

Tel: (+44) 181 672 9944

Fax: (+44) 181 672 6940

<http://www.sghms.ac.uk>*MBBS**BSc Honours in basic medical sciences*

UCL MEDICAL SCHOOL

Gower Street, London, WC1E 6JJ

Tel: (+44) 171 387 7050

Fax: (+44) 171 383 2462

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/home.html>

UCL incorporates the following colleges:

EASTMAN DENTAL INSTITUTE AND HOSPITAL

256 Gray's Inn Road, London, WC1X 8LD

Tel: (+44) 171 915 1000

Fax: (+44) 171 915 1012

<http://www.eastman.ucl.ac.uk>*Specialist courses**Fellowship in Dental Surgery of the Royal Colleges (FDS)**Fellowship in the Faculty of Dentistry of the Royal College of Ireland (FFD)**Diploma in Dental Public Health (DDPH)**Membership in Restorative Dentistry (MRD)**Membership in Orthodontics of the Royal College of Surgeons (MOrth)**Membership of the Royal College of Pathologists (MRCPath)**MSc**Children's Dentistry**Conservative Dentistry**Dental Health Policy**Dental Materials**Endodontics**Oral Medicine**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**Orthodontics**Periodontology**Prosthetic Dentistry***INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH**

30 Guilford Street, London, WC1N 1EH

Tel: (+44) 171 242 9789

Fax: (+44) 171 831 0488

<http://www.ich.bpmf.ac.uk>*Diploma**Community based rehabilitation**Clinical paediatrics**Mother and Child Health**Paediatric surgery**MSc**Mother and Child Health**Clinical genetics**Community paediatrics**Community disability studies in developing countries**MPhil and PhD***INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY**

Queen Square, London, WC1N 3BG

Tel: (+44) 171 837 3611

Fax: (+44) 171 278 5069

*Diploma in clinical neurology**MPhil and PhD**MSc Speech Sciences**MD and MS degrees***INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY***Diploma**Technical Audiology**MSc**Audiological medicine**Auditory sciences**Technical Audiology***INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS***MSc Orthopaedics***INSTITUTE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY**

11-43 Bath Street, London, EC1V 9EL

Tel: (+44) 171 608 6800

Fax: (+44) 171 608 6861

*Certificate in Tropical Ophthalmology**Certificate in Community Eye Health**Diploma in Community Eye Health**MSc in Community Eye Health**MPhil/PhD in areas including:**Immunology**Cell and Molecular Biology**Neuropharmacology and Neurobiology**Neuroanatomy of the visual system**Visual Psychophysics and**Electrodiagnostics**Optical and computational imaging techniques**Ophthalmic Epidemiology**Clinical sciences***INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY AND NEPHROLOGY***Diploma**Nephrology and Hypertension**Urology**MSc**Urology*

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF
MEDICINE**

Rowland Hill Street, London, NW3 2PF

Tel: (+44) 171 794 0500

Fax: (+44) 171 794 3505

<http://www.rfhsm.ac.uk>

Undergraduate courses

MB, BS

Intercalated BSc

Biochemistry

Immunopathology

Molecular Medicine

Neuroscience

Postgraduate courses

Clinical Parasitology (part time).

Medical Virology (part time)

Postgraduate research

MPhil, PhD