Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)

Master of Science in Health Research

Health Research is an area brimming with possibilities to advance the quality of healthcare systems and services.

This 2-year postgraduate degree is aimed at medical, health and social science graduates with interest in Health Research. It is a fully accredited degree of the RCSI and the National University of Ireland (NUI) with approval of the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and Ministry of Higher Education. This is a Level 9 award on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) in Ireland and is compliant with European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

Students are jointly registered with the RCSI and PMC.

This programme delivered by the Department of Public Health at PMC, is tailored to the career development needs of medical doctors and allied health professionals, adopting a blended learning approach, including weekend teaching and distance learning. Applications are also welcome for Postgraduate Certificate (2 semesters) or Postgraduate Diploma (3 semesters) in Health Research courses.
Programme Delivery

The programme comprises of 6 modules followed by a research dissertation delivered by expert academics and researchers from Ireland and Malaysia. Designed to facilitate students who are working full-time, attendance is required for about 6 compulsory weekend classes per semester. The research component also includes hands-on workshops and designated times for direct interaction with research supervisors. Modules are:

- Introduction to the Research Process
- Fundamentals of Epidemiology
- Basic Biostatistics
- Measuring Health Outcomes
- Advanced Biostatistics
- Qualitative Research

Assessment

A variety of summative and formative assessment methods will be used in each module to evaluate student learning of the defined learning outcomes.

Entry Requirements

- Bachelor’s Degree (Hons) with a minimum CGPA of 2.50, or
- Medical Degree recognised by the Irish or Malaysian Medical Councils.
- Applicants must also demonstrate English language proficiency.

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Scholarships & Loans

Applicants may apply for Malaysia Ministry of Health (subject to availability from MOH), MyBrainMyMasters scholarships (subject to availability from MoHE), or apply for withdrawal from your Employees Provident Fund (EPF).

Fees

RM 40,000

Closing Date

7th of August

Late applicants may be considered should seats still be available and still viable for admissions and visa processes (where applicable) to be completed before class in September.

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