

UK Guide for Pakistani Students

The term MBBS is the widely used acronym for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery. For many young students in Pakistan, studying MBBS in the UK is like a dream come true. According to a recent [report of National Institute of Health \(NIH\)](#), *the United Kingdom is considered to be ranked second in the world for medical research, particularly excelling in scientific discoveries due to its strong base of Nobel laureates and top-tier research institutions.*

However, in one more report of **QA University Ranking**, 70+ UK medical universities are among the top institutes of the world. When it comes to the MBBS in the UK, the course duration is approx. 5-6 years. In Pakistan students typically need to take either the UKCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) or the BMAT (Bio-Medical Admissions Test) as an entrance test to take admission in UK medical colleges.

Continue reading to get to know more about top medical universities, fee structure and IELTS requirements.

Quick Fact About MBBS in UK

Language	English
Top UK Medical Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• University of Oxford (Medical Science Division)• University of Cambridge• Peninsula Medical School• University College London• Imperial College School of Medicine• University of Newcastle
Course Duration	5-6 Years
Average Application Fee	150-200 USD
Education Requirement	A-Level with 70% Intermediate with 60-70% marks in science subject (Chemistry, Physics, Biology)

Average Fee Structure	30,000-50,000 USD per year
IELTS Required or or	Yes, minimum 7 bands
Bank Statement	£1,483 per month (for up to 9 months)
Eligibility Criteria	Minimum 70-80% marks in previous degree
After study work permit	Yes, after graduation

Why Should Pakistani Students Choose the UK For an MBBS Program?

As I already mentioned, the UK has become a second top country for international students pursuing MBBS just because of its top-quality education with practical research. However, the UK boasts several medical colleges & schools recognized by world organizations like the World Health Organization (WHO)

Here are the 5 top most common reasons that will explain the best reason why students choose UK to study MBBS:

- Globally Recognized Degrees
- Advanced Clinical Training
- English-Taught Programs
- Modern & Experienced faculties
- Career Opportunities

Top Medical Colleges/Universities for MBBS in UK

When it comes to choosing the right medical school in the UK, the highly asked question is who should be chosen, as there are many best medical colleges in the United Kingdom?

This is a point where Pakistani students need expert consultation that assists them in choosing the right institutes for study MBBS.

In short, Fair Deal Consultants is one of the industry-leading education consultancy firms in Pakistan. However, our consultants are dedicated to assisting students through free counselling services in choosing

the best institutes for their medical journey. Here are few of best universities in United Kingdom that suit with your academic prospects:

University of Oxford (Medical Science Division)

University of Oxford is one of the premier and oldest British medical colleges. According to Times Higher Education ranking report, University of Oxford is ranked first in the world for medicine. It is well known for:

- Top quality in medical education
- Strong faculty and distinguished alums.
- Offers degrees such as MBBS, MS, MD, MDS, BDS, & Nursing

World Ranking	1st in Medicine
IELTS Requirement	Yes, 7 bands
Average Tuition Fee	\$35,000 per year
Acceptance rate	17-18%

University of Cambridge

Here is the next top-rated medical university in the UK. University of Cambridge is a leading medical university in the United Kingdom, established in 1209. It is located in the historic city of **Cambridge, England**. This medical college offers an MBBS program for 6 years on a full-time basis. In short, this institute is well known for:

- High-quality medical education.
- Undergraduate, graduate, & postgraduate medical programs.
- Multiple faculties and renowned research centers

World Ranking	2nd
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IELTS Requirement	Yes, 7-7.5 bands
Average Tuition Fee	\$15,000 per year
Acceptance rate	21%

Peninsula Medical School

The Peninsula Medical School is one of the prestigious institutions in the UK, established in 2000. This medical school offers an MBBS program for 6 years. While this medical institute ranked in the top 10 in Guardian Medical Schools. The average tuition cost is about \$26,500 per year. This university is well known for:

- Innovative teaching methods
- Cutting-edge research facilities
- clinical practice and medical research.

World Ranking	Top 10
IELTS Requirement	Yes, 7 bands
Average Tuition Fee	\$26,500 per year
Acceptance rate	70%

Imperial School of Medicine

This medical college came into being in 2001. Imperial London college of medicine offers number study programs like medicine, biology and physical science programs. However, this university ranked 6th in the world ranking. It is well known for:

- Quality medical education.
- Programs like medicine, biology & physical science

- Numerous faculties & renowned research centers

World Ranking	6th
IELTS Requirement	Yes, 6.5 bands
Average Tuition Fee	\$18,500-19,000 per year
Acceptance rate	40%

University of Newcastle

University of Newcastle is well known for its numerous campuses across the world including Malaysia, Singapore and London. This medical institute offers an MBBS program for 5 years. When it comes to the world ranking, this medical school ranked 110th in global ranking. However, this institute was established in 1965. In short, this medical college is well known for:

- Global campuses
- Research Driven curriculum
- Strong partnerships with leading hospitals & healthcare organizations

World Ranking	110th
IELTS Requirement	Yes, 6.5 bands
Average Tuition Fee	\$18,500-19,000 per year
Acceptance rate	40%

Common UK Scholarships for Pakistani Students

One fact about the UK is Education is not affordable but don't worry! If you are intelligent and dedicated students you can take benefits of the UK fully funded grants that are available for Pakistani students. Below are common UK scholarships:

Chevening Scholarship

The first one is Chevening. The Chevening Scholarship is one of the UK's most prestigious and fully funded grants. However, this scholarship program is funded by the Commonwealth, UK Foreign and Development Office.

Moreover, these grants enhance opportunities for students from around the globe, including Pakistan, to pursue a one-year master's degree at any UK university.

Fully Funding	Covers tuition, living expenses & airfare
Eligibility Criteria	Must have undergraduate degree, 2-year work experience & English Proficiency
Application Process	Documents such as references & personal statement
Applying time	Application opens in August and closes in November

Commonwealth Scholarship

While the second most prestigious grant is the Commonwealth. However, this fully funded scholarship program is offered by the UK government. Attention here! This UK scholarship is designed for those dedicated students from common or middle-income countries, like Pakistan.

In short, this scholarship offers an opportunity for postgraduate students to study in the UK without being worried of budget and contribute their services to the development of their home country.

Fully Funding	covers tuition fees, airfare, & living expenses
Eligibility	Applicants must be citizens of a Commonwealth country
Programs Offered	Master's and PhD programs
Application Process	Necessary documents such as academic transcripts and references

Goals	Show positive potential on their country's development
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Rhodes Scholarship

The Rhodes Scholarship is one of the World's most prestigious and competitive scholarships. It is offered by Rhodes Trust to exceptional students and provides them with the opportunity to pursue postgraduate studies at the University of Oxford.

This grant is awarded based on academic excellence, leadership potential, and commitment to positively impacting society.

Financial Coverage	Tuition fees, airfare, and an annual stipend for living expenses
Eligibility Criteria	Strong academic background, demonstrate leadership qualities
Programs Offered	Master's and PhD programs
Application Process	Online application, academic transcripts, personal statement, reference letters, and interview.

Admission Requirements & Document List

The United Kingdom is considered one of the good options for pursuing medical education. Just because of its top-quality academics, top medical universities, world recognized degrees. Apart from these perks, here are some eligibility criteria for securing admission from Pakistan.

precisely, this kind of eligibility criteria require some documents mentioned below that must be valid and fulfilled:

- Two passport size pictures
- Marks sheets regarding last degree
- Certificate of English proficiency test IELTS & TOEFL
- UCAS Application fee \$30-40
- Statement of Purpose

Most UK universities require UKCAT or BMAT entry test.

Visa Requirements for Pakistani Students

After receiving a confirmation letter from the university administration, it's time to reach out to the embassy for the visa application process. However, this process has essential documents from the applicant's end.

UK study visa is a tier 4 visa required from Pakistani students in order to get education in the UK for a certain period. The embassy charges \$465 for study visa applications from Pakistan. In short, for higher education in United Kingdom, you will need a tier 4 study visa, which requires:

- A valid passport
- Application form
- University confirmation letter
- Bank statements
- Test report of TB

Cost of Living in UK

If we talk about the average cost of living, then it totally depends on the study program you opt for, the city where you live and many other things. The cost of living is very high and expensive in the UK rather than other European countries. When it comes to average cost per month then it approx. 800-\$1000 including all these essential requirements:

- Transportation
- Food
- Living
- Accommodation

Is it possible to study in the UK without IELTS?

Although IELTS proficiency certificate is compulsory for students. While, it is possible to study in the UK without IELTS. Many UK universities offer alternative options to prove your English proficiency, such as:

- **Previous Education in English:** If you completed your previous studies in an English-medium school or institution, some universities may waive the IELTS requirement.
- **Other English Proficiency Tests:** Apart from IELTS, the exams like TOEFL, PTE (Pearson Test of English), or Cambridge English Qualifications are accepted by many UK universities.

- **University-Specific Language Tests:** Some universities conduct their own English language tests during the admission process.
- **Interview Assessments:** Certain institutions assess your English skills through interviews.