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Admission Prospectus for School of Medicine for International Students



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Application Timetable

Item	Date
Application Period	June 12 - July 7, 2026
Written Exam	July 17, 2026
Interview	July 17 - 24, 2026
Release of Accepted Applicants List (online) and Email Notification to All Applicants	August 5, 2026
Deadline for Accepted Applicants to Confirm Acceptance of Offer	August 6 - 12, 2026
Deadline to Submit Inquiries Regarding Application Results	August 12, 2026
Deadline for Waitlisted Applicants to Confirm Acceptance of Offer	August 24, 2026
Airport Pickup and Orientation	Late August 2026
First Day of Classes	September 21, 2026

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Visa and related information

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Website: <https://www.boca.gov.tw>

Alien Resident Certificate (ARC)

National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior, R.O.C.

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Website: <https://www.immigration.gov.tw>

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I. Legal Basis

Recruitment and admission to the School of Medicine for International Students are conducted under the MOE Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, and are governed by the MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan, the MOE Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education, the Rules of International Admissions at I-Shou University, the Academic Rules of I-Shou University, and other applicable laws and regulations.

II. Admission Quota and Eligibility Requirements

1. Priority will be given to applicants from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan (R.O.C.) and from designated friendly countries. The admission quota is set at 35 students in principle. If the number of qualified applicants from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan (R.O.C.) exceeds 35, the admission offer may be increased to 50 students.
2. Admission priority will be given to applicants from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan (R.O.C.) and to nationals of designated friendly countries.
3. If admission vacancies remain after the enrollment of applicants from countries with diplomatic relations with Taiwan (R.O.C.), applicants from designated friendly countries may be admitted. In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements specified above, such applicants must be from countries designated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as having close relations with Taiwan (R.O.C.) or significant development potential for bilateral cooperation.

III. Prescribed Duration of Study

Four academic years (a total of eight semesters).

Students are required to return to their home countries upon graduation, and they are not eligible to take the medical licensure examination or engage in medical practice in Taiwan.

IV. Application Eligibility

1. Individuals who have a bachelor's degree or higher from a domestic or foreign university recognized by the R.O.C. Ministry of Education are eligible to apply for admission. Individuals who have completed four or more years of study in the field of Medicine, Dentistry, or Chinese Medicine may also apply, provided that they possess academic qualifications equivalent to the required educational level. The original diploma or academic credentials verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission must be submitted upon enrollment [if the diploma or

academic credentials are issued in a language other than Chinese or English, a Chinese or English translation authenticated by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission or a registered translation agency should also be provided]; otherwise, an applicant will be considered disqualified and, as a result, denied admission.

2. Pursuant to Paragraph 1, Article 2 of the MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan, individuals who are foreign nationals, have never held the Republic of China (R.O.C.) nationality^(*), and do not have overseas Chinese student status at the time of application may apply for admission.
3. Matters not mentioned herein, if any, should be governed by the MOE Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, the MOE Regulations Regarding International Students Undertaking Studies in Taiwan, and the MOE Regulations Governing the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Academic Records by Institutions of Higher Education.

***Note:**

Pursuant to Article 2 of the R.O.C. Nationality Act, a person should have the nationality of the Republic of China under any of the conditions provided by the following Subparagraphs:

- (1) His/her father or mother was a national of the Republic of China when he/she was born.
- (2) He/she was born after the death of his/her father or mother, and his/her father or mother was a national of the Republic of China at the time of death.
- (3) He/she was born in the territory of the Republic of China, and his/her parents cannot be ascertained or both were stateless persons.
- (4) He/she has undergone the nationalization process.

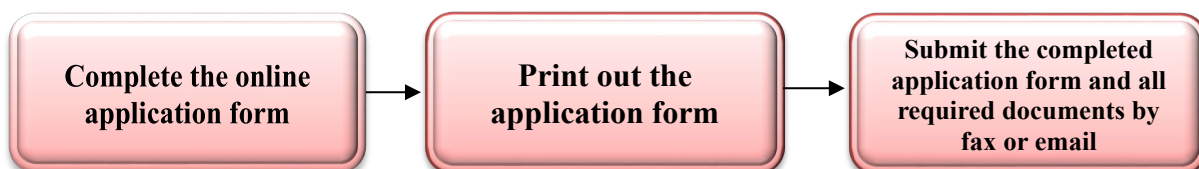
4. **This Program is open only to applicants who have never obtained a physician license.**

V. Application Deadline and Procedures

1. No application fee is required.
2. **Application Documents**

- (1) Applications must be submitted no later than July 7, 2026.

Please complete the online application form at <https://enroll.isu.edu.tw/DP> and print it out. **The completed application form and all required documents must be submitted to ISU by the aforementioned deadline.**



(2) Applicants may submit their application materials through either of the following methods:

a. Fax: +886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577477

b. Email: smis@isu.edu.tw

3. **TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program:**

(1) Only applications submitted via the following website will be accepted:
https://web.icdf.org.tw/ICDF_TSP/WelcomeStart.aspx.

(2) Applicants who wish to apply for the scholarship must complete the online application form, print it out, and submit it to the local R.O.C. diplomatic missions **on their own**.

4. Notes:

(1) **The application will be considered complete only after an applicant has submitted both the application for admission to this Program and the application for the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program.**

(2) Late applications, unqualified applications, or applications with incomplete documentation will NOT be accepted by ISU.

(3) Please retain an extra copy of all application documents submitted, as originals will not be returned to applicants.

VI. Exam Subjects and Required Documents

Exam Subjects and Percentage	Document Review (40%) Interview (40%) Written Exam (20%)
Required Documents	1. One completed printed application form for admission (including a signed affidavit) 2. One photocopy of the applicant's passport 3. A bachelor's degree diploma or higher, or proof of an educational qualification equivalent to four or more years of study in Medicine, Dentistry, or Chinese Medicine; and an academic transcript(s) * The original diploma or academic credentials verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission must be submitted. If the diploma or academic credentials are issued in a language other than Chinese or English, a Chinese or English translation verified by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission or a registered translation agency should also be provided. 4. Proof of completion of at least six course credits in biology, chemistry, or life sciences (a bachelor's degree in life sciences is an advantage)

Exam Subjects and Percentage	Document Review (40%) Interview (40%) Written Exam (20%)
	5. A certificate of English proficiency issued within the past two years, such as TOEFL, IELTS, or other internationally recognized (or locally government-recognized) standardized English proficiency tests 6. An autobiography written in English 7. Three letters of recommendation 8. Any additional supporting documents that may be helpful, such as: (1) Medical school admission exam results (e.g., MCAT, BMAT, or GAMSAT) obtained within the past three years (2) Practical experience in healthcare or laboratory settings (3) Experience in volunteer services
Written Exam (including an aptitude test)	English, Biology, and Chemistry
Same Grade Deliberate Order	1. Interview 2. Document Review 3. Biology (Written Exam) 4. English (Written Exam)
Note	This Program is <u>NOT</u> a master's program; therefore, students who successfully meet all graduation requirements will be awarded a Bachelor of Medicine degree in English.
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VII. Exam Schedule

1. The written exam covers English, biology, and chemistry. It is scheduled for July 17, 2026. Applicants are advised to closely monitor the latest announcements issued by the local R.O.C. diplomatic missions.
2. The interview is scheduled for July 17-24, 2026. Applicants are advised to closely monitor the latest announcements issued by the local R.O.C. diplomatic missions or ISU for the exact interview schedule.

VIII. Admission Criteria

1. ISU's Committee of Admission to School of Medicine for International

Students reserves the right to determine the minimum admission criteria for all applicants.

2. Applicants will be admitted in descending order of their overall scores, in the limit of the approved number as specified herein. Applicants who receive an overall score above the minimum admission criteria but are not admitted will be placed on a waiting list. Under no circumstances will applicants who do not meet the minimum admission criteria be admitted to this Program.
3. Applicants from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan will be given priority in admissions. Applicants from countries without diplomatic relations with Taiwan may be considered to fill any remaining vacancies.
4. Applicants with identical overall scores will be ranked according to the specified deliberate order. ISU's Committee of Admission to School of Medicine for International Students will determine the final ranking if they receive the same score in a single subject.

IX. Notification of Application Results

The list of accepted applicants will be announced at <https://smis.isu.edu.tw>.

X. Acceptance of Admission Offer

Both accepted and waitlisted applicants must meet BOTH of the following requirements to confirm their admission offer:

1. Once accepted, applicants from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan must submit a signed Terms of Agreement for the TaiwanICDF Scholarship Program and a signed agreement to return to their home country upon graduation to the local R.O.C. diplomatic missions to confirm their admission status.
2. **Accepted applicants must complete the confirmation process by August 12, 2026, while waitlisted applicants must complete the confirmation process by August 24, 2026. Please print and complete the Letter of Intent to Accept Admission provided by ISU, and return it by fax (+886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577477) or email (smis@isu.edu.tw) by the above deadlines. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of admission (for accepted applicants) or forfeiture of the waitlisted position (for waitlisted applicants), and the vacancy will be filled by the next eligible waitlisted applicant who has completed the confirmation process, in descending order of ranking.**

XI. Inquiries and Appeals Regarding Application Results

1. Inquiries
 - (1) Please complete an application form and submit it by fax (+886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577477) or email (dradm@isu.edu.tw).
 - (2) Applicants are not permitted to request information regarding the individuals

involved in formulating exam questions, reviewing application materials, or conducting interviews. Applications for re-evaluating application materials will not be accepted.

(3) Applications for a score review will only be accepted for the document review score, interview score, and the final score.

(4) Should any scores or admission decisions be revised as a result of the review process, applicants shall raise no objections.

2. Appeals

(1) Applicants may submit an appeal to ISU's Committee of Admission to School of Medicine for International Students if they have concerns regarding the fairness of the admission process, the protection of their rights and interests, or compliance with the principle of gender equality.

(2) Appeal Procedures:

A. Applicants should, within seven days from the day following the online announcement of the application results, complete the appeal form, and submit it and supporting documents (or evidence) by fax (+886-7-6155910 or +886-7-6577477) or email (dradm@isu.edu.tw).

B. The following information should be clearly stated on the appeal form: the applicant's name, nationality, email address, contact phone number, the date of submitting the appeal, the facts and reasons for the appeal, and the desired remedial measures.

(3) An appeal should NOT be accepted if:

A. The matter in question is clearly governed by applicable laws, regulations, or the admission prospectus;

B. It is submitted anonymously; or

C. The applicant fails to submit the appeal within the prescribed period.

(4) Each applicant may file only one appeal. ISU's Committee of Admission to School of Medicine for International Students should, within seven days of the appeal submission deadline, notify the applicant of the appeal result by email.

(5) Only appeals submitted by applicants themselves should be accepted.

* The application form for inquiry regarding application results and the appeal form are available at <https://smis.isu.edu.tw>.

XII. Enrollment

A complete enrollment packet will be sent to accepted applicants together with an official admissions notice. Accepted applicants should follow the provided instructions to complete all required enrollment procedures. Failure to do so may result in the denial of admission to ISU.

Accepted applicants must submit the following documents upon enrollment:

1. A photocopy of their passport;
2. Academic credentials: A bachelor's degree diploma and an official transcript for all semesters, both authenticated by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission (an authenticated Chinese or English translation must also be provided if the above documents are issued in a language other than Chinese or English); and
3. A health certificate (including proof of positive measles and rubella antibody tests, or certification of prophylactic vaccination) issued by a qualified hospital. Accepted applicants are also required to participate in the group health checkup for new students arranged by ISU.

XIII. Tuition and Other Required Fees, Accommodation Fees, Scholarships, and Related Expenses

The estimated amounts for each item are subject to change depending on actual circumstances. The final tuition and other required fees for 2026 will be announced by the Office of Accounting.

1. Tuition and other required fees, accommodation fees, textbooks, and living allowances will be covered by the scholarship provided by TaiwanICDF.
2. For more information about the TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program, please refer to <https://www.icdf.org.tw/wSite/np?ctNode=31561&mp=2>. (Any fees or expenses not covered by the scholarship should be borne by the scholarship recipients.)

3. TaiwanICDF International Higher Education Scholarship Program

Only applicants from countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Qualified applicants should apply for the scholarship to the local R.O.C. diplomatic missions. Please note the application deadline carefully, as late or incomplete submissions will NOT be accepted. Please apply online at https://web.icdf.org.tw/ICDF_TSP/WelcomeStart.aspx, and then **print and send a copy of the completed application form to the local R.O.C. diplomatic missions.**

4. Other

Item	Estimated Amount	Note
Group Insurance Premiums	US\$120	For the first six months (first semester) after enrolling at ISU (September to February of the following year). The insurance premium is approximately US\$20 per month.

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National Health Insurance (NHI) Premiums (Paid each semester)	US\$180	Starting from the second semester, students are required to pay a six-month premium each semester. The NHI premium is approximately US\$30 per month. Notes: (1) Foreign nationals who have held an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC) for six months and have left Taiwan only once for a period of less than 30 days are eligible to enroll in Taiwan's NHI program. (2) Starting from the second semester, students who are not eligible for the NHI program are required to enroll in the group insurance plan. ISU will refund any prepaid fees after deducting the applicable insurance premiums. * Tuition and other required fees paid by students may include the aforementioned insurance premiums. ISU will collect the six-month premiums and arrange insurance coverage on behalf of students. For more information about the NHI program, please visit http://www.nhi.gov.tw/.
Health Checkup	US\$70	Once only
ARC Application Fee	US\$35 per year	ISU will assist students in applying for an ARC. (Applicants may be required to pay approximately US\$12 for ID photos if the submitted photo does not meet the

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		required specifications.)

5. Miscellaneous Expenses after Studying at ISU

Item	Estimated Amount
A personal seal used for opening a bank account	US\$2
Prepaid phone cards	US\$20 each

6. Upon enrollment, newly admitted students should provide proof of health and personal injury insurance valid for at least six months from their date of arrival in Taiwan (the proof issued by a foreign insurance company should be authenticated by the local R.O.C. diplomatic mission). After residing in Taiwan for six months, students should enroll in the NHI program, valid during their studies in Taiwan. The Office of International and Cross-strait Affairs will assist students in applying for NHI coverage.

XIV. Additional Academic Rules

1. This Program offers both required and elective Chinese language courses designed to enhance students' Chinese proficiency for daily communication and academic learning. These courses also provide students with opportunities to learn more about Taiwanese culture.
 2. Please refer to the Appendix (pp. 12-14) for details on curriculum planning and implementation.
 3. **This Program aims to improve international medical professionals in students' home countries. In accordance with current laws and regulations, students of this Program are required to return to their home countries upon graduation. They are not eligible to take the medical licensure examination or engage in medical practice in Taiwan.**
 4. To ensure alignment with educational diplomacy policies and to enhance post-graduation clinical training, graduates of this Program may apply to the E-Da Healthcare Group for a one-year "Specialized Training Program – Clinical Practice Training," aiming to support graduates in strengthening their clinical competencies and facilitate their transition upon returning to their home countries.
- ※ Note: Students in this Program come from diverse backgrounds, including countries that maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan as

well as designated friendly countries. Therefore, recognition of medical qualifications, required clinical training hours, license registration, and physician licensure vary by country. Upon completion of this Program, students may apply for a one-year “Specialized Training Program – Clinical Practice Training.” This specialized training program covers emergency care, interdisciplinary integration, patient safety, community and primary care, adaptation to diverse healthcare environments, and clinical decision-making skills. Under the supervision of senior attending physicians, students will receive structured training to prepare them to become international medical professionals with a global health perspective and cross-national healthcare adaptability. After enrollment, this Program will provide students with individualized counseling and review the laws and regulations related to the recognition of medical qualifications, required clinical training hours, license registration, and physician licensure in their home countries, in order to optimize curriculum planning for the specialized training program prior to graduation and facilitate their post-graduation clinical training.

XV. Important Notes

1. This Program is NOT a master’s program; therefore, students who successfully meet all graduation requirements will be awarded a Bachelor of Medicine degree in English.
2. ALL courses offered by this Program are taught in English.
3. Only clerkships that provide hands-on experience are included in the curriculum.
4. An applicant will be denied admission and/or enrollment if they are found unqualified, or if any form of deception, concealment, violation, or forgery of submitted certificates or documents is discovered. Students who have already enrolled at ISU will be expelled, and no academic certificate will be issued. Those who have already graduated will have their diploma revoked, and ISU will officially annul their graduate status. Violators may also be referred to the relevant judicial authorities depending on the severity of the violation.
5. Matters related to course registration, leave of absence, unexcused absences, and withdrawal from ISU are governed by ISU’s Academic Rules.
6. **Under no circumstances will admitted applicants be permitted to defer their admission to a subsequent academic year.**
7. As stipulated by TaiwanICDF, all TaiwanICDF Scholarship recipients, after enrollment, are NOT permitted to transfer to another program or department at ISU or to another institution during the prescribed duration of study.
8. ISU will handle applicants’ personal data in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act of the R.O.C. government. Applicants’ personal data will be

used solely for student recruitment (including announcements and student status management) and statistical analysis.

9. Matters not mentioned herein, if any, should be governed by the MOE Program of Assisting Countries with Diplomatic Relations in Cultivating Medical Talents, the applicable laws of the R.O.C. government, and the resolutions adopted by ISU's Committee of Admission to School of Medicine for International Students.

Appendix: Curriculum Planning and Implementation

I. Medical Education

Curriculum design is characterized by the following features:

1. Setting clear and achievable educational objectives, with which the curriculum is developed, diverse pedagogical approaches are employed, student performance is measured, and improvements are made. During clerkship rotations, students will receive training in clinical skills, learn through simulation education and standardized patients, and take tests with standardized patients.
2. Training students to become general practitioners: Graduates are expected to possess basic medical skills and be able to provide medical services in remote communities and for specific groups. Students will be trained to take good care of patients, acquire medical knowledge, cultivate medical professionalism, constantly improve themselves personally and professionally, adapt themselves to different medical environments, and have good communication and interpersonal skills.
3. Evaluating courses regularly and making improvements based on the evaluation results. Course quality indicators are: feedback from both faculty and students, students' exam results, and the results of the evaluations carried out by external evaluation organizations.

The curriculum is divided into two parts: integrated clinical cornerstone courses and clerkships that provide hands-on experience, and English is the only medium of instruction. The humanities are also integrated into the four-year medical education. The first half of the four-year program (i.e., the freshman and sophomore years) focuses on block-based teaching of organ systems, offering a total of sixteen modular courses. Each modular course integrates different subjects in the field of basic medical sciences/clinical medicine, with an eye to helping students learn systematically, step by step. Compared with traditional medical education, the number of teaching hours can be reduced by approximately 30 percent by adopting the new integrated curriculum, and students are, therefore, strongly encouraged to learn independently in their spare time. In addition, diverse teaching methods are used. For example, problem-based learning (PBL), team-based learning (TBL), and group discussion may be part of a modular course to help students internalize what they have learned from each block and to train them to think actively and to communicate well. Students will start their second half of the four-year program (i.e., clerkships in the junior and senior years) after completing

the sixteen modular courses.

Clerkship Planning:

1. During clerkships, students are required to rotate through different medical specialties, including internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics & gynecology, family/community medicine, emergency medicine, orthopedic surgery, plastic surgery, and psychiatry. Senior students may take clinical electives to emphasize certain interests.
2. Students will undertake clerkships at E-Da Hospital. E-Da Hospital has drawn up regulations concerning the clerkships taken by medical students, and its departments have also made plans for clinical clerkships. Students of this Program will undertake clerkships in accordance with applicable regulations and plans.
3. Orientation course: the orientation training for students before working at the Hospital:
 - (1) Becoming familiar with the work environment, hospital regulations and rules, welfare measures, and hospital administration systems; and
 - (2) Understanding and complying with infection control and occupational safety guidelines (including needlestick injury prevention and fire protection).
 - (3) The orientation for each department will be held when students rotate to the department.
4. When rotating through the Departments of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Pediatrics, students will attend outpatient clinics and learn holistic healthcare skills by working at the ward. They will also be assigned to the Emergency Room where they will learn how to identify emergency situations and effectively manage medical conditions.
5. The clerkship plan made by each department shows clear learning objectives and contains effective teaching strategies and evaluation methods.
6. Continuous efforts in improving one's medical knowledge are indispensable for medical services. Therefore, two electives, *Medical Writing* and *Special Research Topics in Clinical Medicine*, are offered in the junior and senior years, respectively, among others.

II. Chinese Language Learning

Chinese language courses are offered to help international students familiarize themselves with Taiwanese culture, so they can adapt to living and studying in Taiwan.

As students come from different countries and cultures with different mother tongues, ISU will actively assist them in increasing their proficiency in Chinese:

1. International students are required to take *Practical Chinese (I), (II), (III), and (IV)* in the freshman and sophomore years (a total of four semesters). The intensive language training aims to expose these students further to the Chinese language environment, so they can acclimatize to studying and living here in a short duration, take this opportunity to experience Taiwanese culture, and develop a great affection for what Taiwan offers.
2. Although English is the only medium of instruction during clerkships, not all patients speak English. To lower language barriers between students and patients, *Medical Communication Practice in Chinese* is offered in both semesters of the sophomore year to improve their Chinese language skills. In addition, students undertaking clerkships will each be provided with a tablet computer on which they can download free translation apps to facilitate communication with patients.

● For more information about curriculum design: <https://smis.isu.edu.tw>