



Edge Hill University

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh **NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**MCh – Masters Programme in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery/Otolaryngology/Rhinology/Minimal Invasive Surgery/Surgical Oncology/Emergency and Trauma/Colorectal Surgery/Ophthalmology/Neurosurgery/Cardiothoracic Surgery**

**M Med in Medical Specialties ( including Rheumatology, Elderly Medicine, Gastroenterology, Cardiology, Regional Anaesthesia, ICU, Pain Management, Respiratory Medicine, Paediatrics)**

### **1. What are the entry requirements?**

As an International Medical Graduate coming to the UK under a sponsorship arrangement you:

- Must have a primary medical degree recognised by the General Medical Council of the UK, i.e. MB ChB, MB BS
- Have obtained a postgraduate qualification in your chosen specialty *equivalent* to the level of the MRCS (UK) e.g. MS/MD, DNB in Surgery or Diplomate of National Board of India (DNB) in Surgery or Medicine, FCPS Pakistan.
- Meet the eligibility criteria to be granted full GMC registration with a licence to practice. ( see below)
- Have achieved a minimum score of 7.0 in all 4 categories of the **Academic UKVI International English Language Testing System IELTS with an overall score of 7.5**. . You must take this test at one of the approved SELT Consortium test centres. [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)
- Be eligible for a Tier 2 (General) visa and meet employment, pre-employment clearances as required by law to work in UK

### **2. What are the GMC registration requirements?**

As you will be employed as a full time International Training Fellow - (ITF) within the NHS and will study your MCh or M Med degree part time, you are required to be registered with the General Medical Council in the UK. Your GMC registration may be supported under a sponsorship arrangement.

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust ( WWL) is an approved sponsor for GMC registration and subject to eligibility, may be able to offer a CoS for your GMC registration. The final decision to award registration is made by the GMC.

Full details are available on the GMC [www.gmc.org.uk](http://www.gmc.org.uk) website but in order to be granted registration under a sponsorship you must:

- Provide a copy of your passport ( photo ID page and signature page)
- Provide a copy of your medical qualifications
- Provide a copy of your internship certificate
- Provide a Certificate of Good Standing from India. The CGS is only valid for 3 months from the date it was issued.
- Demonstrate that you have been engaged in clinical practice/training for at least three out of the last five years, **including the 12 months immediately preceding the date you apply for registration.** Please ensure that you do not come out of clinical practice during this period. GMC registration will not be awarded if you do not meet these criteria. Please note that Clinical Observerships are not considered to be medical practice.
- A Certificate of Sponsorship to support your GMC registration may be provided by Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust. This will be sent directly to the GMC when requested.

When prompted, you will be required to: register with GMC Online, pay the required fee, submit the necessary documents to the GMC and when invited, attend the GMC Offices in either Manchester or London for an identification-check, bringing the original documents and certificates with you for verification.

### **3. Your employment, pre employment clearances and Tier 2 visa**

Before you can be offered a post as International Training Fellow ( ITF) you must attend an interview. Successful candidates are scored according to their experience and performance at interview and a conditional offer will be made.

Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust acts as Lead Employer for all posts involved with the MCh/M Med Programmes and will undertake pre employment clearances, including requesting references from your current employers. In addition WWL will:

- Provide Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) reference number
- Facilitate medical screening when you arrive in the UK

- Facilitate your National Insurance application

### **3a. Tier 2 ( General ) visa**

Please be aware that visa eligibility criteria can be subject to change. The up to date advice including visa charges and the new Health Surcharge can be found by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/tier-2-general>

- you must show that you have been offered a post with an 'appropriate salary'
- the [required level of English](#) - see IELTS above.
- have £945 in savings - this is to prove you can support yourself. You must have had this in your bank account for 90 days before you apply, unless you're exempt.
- From April 2017, the Government plans to extend the requirement to provide a criminal record certificate to Tier 2 visa applicants coming to work in education, health and social care sectors and to their adult dependants.

Tier 2 visa applicants who are coming to work in an occupation defined by the relevant Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code, and their adult dependants, will need to provide a criminal record certificate from any country they have lived for 12 months or more in the past 10 years.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-records-checks-for-overseas-applicants>

### **3b. When does the Post commence?**

You will be required to travel to the UK in July. This will allow sufficient time for your GMC check and for Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust (WWL) who will be the Lead Employer for all doctors employed as International Training Fellows linked to the MCh/M Med programmes, to finalise your pre employment clearances including medical screening. When these are completed you will undertake a period of induction at your Host Trust and will commence duty on the first Wednesday in August. A non-conditional job offer and contract cannot be issued until the clearances are received

### **3c. What will I be paid?**

If your year 1 placement is at WWL you will initially be paid as a junior level International Training Fellow. The salary scale (MN35) is £30,605 rising by increments to £40,491 per annum\*). Your starting point on the scale will be determined by verification of previous service by the Medical HR Department. You will work a compulsory shift pattern which includes participation in the on call rota for which an additional payment (called a banding) of between 40 and 50% of your basic salary will be paid.

In year 2, subject to satisfactory progress you will be paid as a senior level ITF (MN37) with a salary scale rising to £48,123\* per annum.

\* rates correct at April 2017.

### **3d. If you want to leave your employment**

Please note that Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust and Edge Hill University will facilitate the sponsorship arrangements for GMC registration and visa and therefore you accept that If during the term of employment you submit notice in order to take up employment with another NHS employer, you will be required to pay a fee of £30,000 irrespective of your continuation with the MCh Programme. No penalty will be applied if you have completed the MCh or M Med Programme (generally a minimum of 2 years).

After completing the MCh/M Med Programme you are free to apply to change employment to an NHS employer outside the MCh participating partnership

### **4. What is the duration of the MCh/M Med Programme?**

As an International Medical Graduate joining the Programme under a sponsorship arrangement you can stay in the UK for up to 3 years. The MCh/M Med Course Administrator will facilitate your registration on the MCh Programme. You will be invited to an induction day at the University in September 2018. The MCh and M Med Programmes run for approximately 24 months. Taught sessions are delivered from September 2019 until July 2021 and the remaining time in the UK can be devoted to completing your chosen research project and writing your dissertation.

### **5. What are the tuition fees?**

Tuition fees must be met by the student. The fees for the 2-3 year programme are £35,000. You may be reimbursed with expenses associated with your initial GMC and visa applications.

International Training Fellows are required to pay a 50% deposit before arrival in the UK and a schedule of fee payments can be agreed. All fees must be paid by July 2020.

A bursary of up to £10,000 may be available to doctors who are appointed to one of the M Med pathways. Currently no bursary is available for surgical specialties.

Edge Hill University academic regulations stipulate that students will not be allowed to graduate if any fees or other payments due to the University or collaborative partners are still outstanding.

### **6. Where will I study?**

Your degree will be awarded by Edge Hill University which is one of the Fastest growing universities in the UK with over 14,600 undergraduate students, and over 7,700 professional and postgraduate students. It celebrated its 130 years anniversary in 2015. Edge Hill University was awarded the prestigious UK University of the Year in 2014 ( *Times Higher Education Awards*).

The University is located in the town of Ormskirk which is a pleasant market Town in the heart of the North West of England and is within easy reach of the Cities of Manchester and Liverpool.

### **7. How often are the teaching sessions?**

Teaching sessions will be delivered at Wrightington Hospital in the Conference Centre on 2 Saturdays each month. University staff are in attendance during the morning sessions and the afternoon teaching is devoted to clinical topics in your chosen specialty. In addition to lectures by faculty from Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust and guest speakers, clinical teaching is also enhanced by interactive workshops.

### **8. How are the modules assessed?**

Module leaders set the assignments with a specific submission date. Further information regarding submission of assignments is provided in each module handbook which will be provided electronically via the University VLE 'Blackboard'. The clinical modules are assessed by a number of methods including essays, log book submissions, oral presentations, poster presentations, a clinical audit report and OSCE examinations.

### **9. What will I be awarded if I do not want to proceed to dissertation?**

This is a tiered-exit Programme. It is possible to be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Research if you complete 2 modules (30 credits each) or a Postgraduate Diploma in your chosen Specialty if you complete 5 modules (120 credits). The MCh or M Med degree is awarded on completion of all the modules which includes the dissertation module. It may be possible for you to complete the dissertation module on your return to your home country and Academic support will continue to be provided in this instance. There is no reduction in fees if you decide to leave with a PGC or PGD.

### **10. What is the method of selection for the Programme?**

If you are interested in applying for this Programme and one of the International Training Fellowships, please submit your CV to the ISKSAA president at [isksaafellowships@gmail.com](mailto:isksaafellowships@gmail.com). All shortlisted candidates will be interviewed before an offer can be made. The team from the University will be at the venue to conduct interviews on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019 at ISKSAA BESS UK 2019 in New Delhi.

### **11. Where can I get further information about the Programme?**

Just access the University website – there are plenty of details about the course content and the opportunity to watch our informative You Tube videos.

[www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/courses/master-of-surgery](http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/courses/master-of-surgery)

[www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/courses/master-of-medicine](http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/courses/master-of-medicine)

Alternatively you can contact either:

The Wrightington MCh/M Med Administrator [mchcourse@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:mchcourse@wwl.nhs.uk)

The Edge Hill MCh and M Med team [mch@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:mch@edgehill.ac.uk)  
[MMed@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:MMed@edgehill.ac.uk)

## **MCh and M Med PROGRAMMES COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Tuition and sponsorship fees for International Training Fellows for the 2-3 year programme**

**£ 35,000 to be paid as follows:**

- **£17,500 to be paid before arrival in the UK by Bank transfer.**

Please note that fees already paid for GMC registration and visa application can be deducted from this initial payment.

- **The remaining sum can then be paid in instalments between September 2019 and September 2021.**

Payment methods include:

Monthly cheque to be submitted – cheques to be made payable to Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust ( WWL NHS FT)

Monthly standing order arrangement with your bank\*

Online Bank Transfer\*

Credit card payment \*

\* **Trusts banking information is available from Julia Berry**  
[Julia.berry@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:Julia.berry@wwl.nhs.uk)

### **Important information**

In accordance with Edge Hill University Academic Regulations, attendance at Graduation may be withheld from students who are in debt to the University or collaborative partners.

## **MCH AND MMED PROGRAMMES COURSE FEES AND BURSARIES**

**2019-2021**

**FEES:**

The course fee for the MCh and MMed programmes is £35000. This is for the whole duration of the course (3 years). There will be an annual fee applicable AFTER the three year period.

**EXPENSES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL TO THE UK:**

- A) VISA FEES: This is presently £575. This will be refunded to you on commencement of the course
- B) GMC REGISTRATION: This is presently £425, this will be refunded to you on commencement of the course
- C) HEALTH SURCHARGE: This is presently £200 per person per year and has to be paid by yourself
- D) CERTIFICATE OF SPONSORSHIP: For the three year programme this costs £3000. This will be paid to the Home Office directly by your Lead Employer ( WWL) and you will not be charged for this.
- E) COURSE FEE: You will be expected to pay 50% of your total course fee prior to arrival in the UK. Doctors joining the Emergency Medicine pathway are required to pay a 10% deposit prior to arrival in the UK.  
Further information on how to make this initial payment ( bank transfer, credit card) will be provided by the MCh/MMed Course Administrator, Mrs Julia Berry [Julia.berry@wwl.nhs.uk](mailto:Julia.berry@wwl.nhs.uk)