

Imperial College GMC sponsorship for International Medical Graduates

Paperwork checklist for Applicants and Supervisors

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible under this scheme applicants must:

- Be a national of a country outside the UK, EEA or Switzerland who graduated from a medical school outside the UK

OR

- A UK national who has graduated from a medical school outside the UK/EEA or Switzerland AND do not have EC rights

AND NOTE

- Any International Medical Graduate who has attempted and failed the PLAB test will not be considered for GMC sponsorship by Imperial College London

APPLICANTS who wish to apply for Sponsorship through Imperial College London must provide the following information:

No.	Description
1.	A copy of the completed Initial GMC application form
2.	A copy of completed Initial Sponsorship/Supervisor form
3.	Evidence of primary medical qualification (with official translation if applicable)
4.	Evidence of post qualification training in general clinical practice and the specialty relevant to the proposed research programme (with official translation). Applicants must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed a minimum of 3 yrs full time equivalent in PG training, including: • 1 yrs internship AND 1 yr in the specialty in which applicant intends to work
5.	Proof of identity, with photo (passport ideally)
6.	Evidence of English language proficiency (to meet GMC standards). IELTS Test requirements, applicants must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • get a score of at least 7.0 in each testing area (speaking, listening, reading and writing), and an overall score of 7.5. • get these scores in the same test • take the academic version of the test • supply the original stamp and test report form (TRF) number <p>OR</p> <p>Evidence of English language proficiency (to meet GMC standards). OET Test requirements (medical version), applicants must show an OET certificate that shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that you took the medicine version of the test • that you got a grade of at least 'B' in each testing area (speaking, listening, reading and writing) • that you got those grades in the same test • your candidate number • that you obtained the grades in your most recent sitting of the test <p>http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/registration_applications/13680.asp</p> <p>*All applicants must take IELTS or OET:: The only exception to the rule above is for doctors who have a passport AND a Primary Medical Qualification (PMQ) from a country where English is the first and native language. E.g. a doctor with a passport and a PMQ issued in South Africa</p>
7.	Evidence of the applicant's qualifications verified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)
8.	Certificate(s) of Good Standing* Certificate can be a maximum of 3 months old

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	*If there is no medical regulatory authority in the country to issue a certificate of good standing, you will need to ask your employers to complete the employer reference form.
9.	Evidence that the applicant has worked in a medical capacity for at least three out of the last five years and at least ten months of medical practice within the twelve months immediately before the date they make their application for registration to the GMC.
10.	A statement of the proposed research programme, including a description of the clinical commitment required
11.	Evidence of financial support to ensure completion of the programme
12.	The names (and addresses) of 2 referees who will provide a confidential reference on request <i>Provision of the full names and contact details of two overseas Consultants with whom the applicants has worked within the last twelve months and the last two years to provide structured references.</i> <i>Members of the CATO Team will then approach the referee directly to request a reference from them.</i>
13.	A Curriculum Vitae: <i>including previous training & experience, research and publications, participation in departmental audits and appraisals</i>

Important: Applicants should continue to practice clinically in their home country right up until they make an application for registration with the GMC. Applicants should also be engaged in medical practice for three out of the last five years including the most recent twelve months. If applicants are already in the UK, they must be able to explain how they are currently working clinically if they wish to apply.

SUPERVISORS who agree to accept International Medical Graduates through the sponsorship programme must provide the following information:

No.	Description
1.	Confirmation that an offer has been made at an affiliated Imperial College London Healthcare hospital Trust in association with an Imperial College London department in an approved practice setting <i>(equivalent to StR 1 level or above, minimum of 6 months, maximum 2 yrs)</i>
2.	A statement of the assessment process for the applicant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was this a personal approach by the applicant or a response to an existing Fellowship scheme? If the latter, how was the Fellowship scheme advertised? Was the assessment carried out in person, by telephone or by e-mail?
3.	An outline of the research programme and team into which the applicant will be placed
4.	A description of any information which the Supervisor may have about the applicant's university and/or hospitals where the degree and/or specialist training was undertaken, either from direct experience, collaborative arrangements with colleagues at the institution(s), or other clinical fellows from the institution(s)
5.	A copy of the interview notes
6.	A copy of the Job Description
7.	A completed 'Supervisor' form
8.	Evidence of agreement the relevant local NHS Trust to provide an appropriate Honorary clinical contract