

Imperial College
London

School of Medicine

Intercalated BSc Guide

2024-25 Entry

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1. Key Information for Applicants

Studying at Imperial

Imperial College London is among the top-ranking Universities teaching medicine, both nationally and internationally. Our one-year medical BSc pathways, held in Year 4 of our 6-year medical course, are very popular and in high demand. Each year, we are pleased to offer a number of places on these courses to external medical students who wish to intercalate at Imperial.

There are many advantages to taking your intercalated BSc at Imperial:

- **World class experience** - Students are exposed to research at the cutting edge of the discipline studied
- **Teaching and project supervision** - Delivered by world leaders in biomedical research
- **Opportunities to publish** - Many students have obtained publications as a result of their BSc project and some have gone on to present their research at conferences.

This guide will assist external students in applying for a place on one of our BSc courses.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria

In order to be eligible to apply for an intercalated BSc course at Imperial:

- You must be registered on a recognised Medical, Dental or Veterinary course at a UK or Irish university or at one of our recognised International Partners.
- You must have completed at least one year of that course before you apply to Imperial College i.e. you must be at least in Year 2 in 2023/24.
- You must have at least one year of your degree left when you return to your home institution after completing your intercalated BSc.

Key Contacts

If you have any queries about applying to intercalate at Imperial that aren't answered in this guide, our BSc team will be happy to help:

- **Application procedure and general iBSc queries**

BSc Programme Officer, Paula Fortune | feo.bsc@imperial.ac.uk

- **Specific BSc course information**

BSc Course Director and/or Administrator contact details can be found on the course-specific pages of our [intercalated BSc website](#). Links can be found on page 2 of this guide.

Intercalated BSc Courses

Please select the links below to find out more about the intercalated BSc courses at Imperial College London.

BSc Pathway	Course Spaces for External Intercalating Students
Anaesthesia and Critical Care	6
Biomedical Engineering	20
Cancer Frontiers	10
Cardiovascular Sciences	12
Endocrinology	10
Gastroenterology and Hepatology	2
Global Health	15
Humanities, Philosophy and Law	7
Immunity and Infection	8
Management	40
Molecular and Translational Haematology	10
Neuroscience and Mental Health	6
Pharmacology	2
Remote Medicine	12
Reproductive and Developmental Sciences	10
Surgical Design, Technology and Innovation	10
Translational Respiratory Medicine	10

2. Application Process

Students are asked to apply for their preferred course, but also indicate up to three other intercalated options.

The 2024/25 intercalated BSc **application form** is available [here](#) .

Application Deadline

The deadline for complete applications is 4pm on Friday 1st March 2024.

For an application to be considered complete, it must include all required supporting documents **including the academic reference**. Any application which does not include the supporting documents listed below unfortunately will not be considered after the deadline, regardless of the reason.

Application Procedure and Supporting Documents

Applicants will complete and submit an application via [My Imperial](#), our online application system. Following submission of your application form, you will be asked to upload the following supporting documents, all of which are compulsory:

Academic Transcript

- Covering your university marks up to and including 2023-24.
- There is no cut-off for academic performance but students who are accepted onto our courses are generally on track to achieve a 2:1 or higher.

Personal Statement

- In your personal statement you should explain why you have chosen to apply for a particular BSc and why you think you should be selected for it.
- You should include how this BSc relates to your interests in medical science and your future career goals.
- You may wish to include details of any previous research experience, research publications, conference posters and/or abstracts and academic achievements
- There is no word limit for the personal statement, but we recommend that you do not exceed 2 pages of typed A4.

One Academic Reference from a member of staff at your university

- You will be asked to provide the contact details of your referee in your application form. Imperial will then contact your referee by email to request a reference.
- Only one reference is required. Additional references unfortunately cannot be accepted.
- **It is your responsibility to make sure your referee submits their reference before the submission deadline.**

A Letter of Good Standing

- This is a letter from your home university showing that you have been given permission to intercalate at Imperial.
- We ask that you use the template provided by Imperial, which is available [here](#). This should be completed and signed by the Head of Programme or Programme Officer at your university.

Post-Application Procedure

All applications will be considered by the relevant BSc Course Director after the application deadline (**4pm on Friday 1st March 2024**). We will aim to send you the outcome of your application by the end of March.

If you are offered a place at Imperial, you will be given 28 days to respond to the offer via My Imperial, our online application system.

The condition of your offer will be that you successfully pass the 2023/24 academic year and arrange for your home university to send your 2023/24 academic transcript to Imperial College's Admissions Team (medicine.ug.admissions@imperial.ac.uk) once it is available.

Please note that having examination resit(s) will not prevent you from undertaking your BSc at Imperial. However, you must pass the resit(s) to fulfil the condition of your offer.

3. Intercalated BSc Course Information

Our intercalated BSc aims to create clinicians and academics with the ability to interpret and inform best practice, and to extend boundaries of current thinking and advance medicine.

You will develop consistent foundations in research skills, from which you can grow into a competent clinician and clinical researcher. You will select a specialism which will inform the basis of your research training.

This emphasis on research will equip you with an understanding of research principles and enable you to participate in the entire research process, from research design to dissemination and evaluation, as outlined in the schematic below. The programme is designed to expand your knowledge and skills in a specific research subject area, including its theoretical foundations and the specific techniques used to study it.

You will receive a range of teaching approaches from a collection of educators in your chosen specialism, from the innovative teaching methods of our Teaching Fellows to the expertise of renowned Professors within the field.

BSc Biomedical Engineering and Management

[BSc Management](#) and [BSc Biomedical Engineering](#) are run by the Business School and the Department of Bioengineering respectively, rather than the School of Medicine. They will therefore have different learning outcomes and a different structure to what is described in this section. The term dates for these two courses are also different and can be found [here](#).

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the programme you will be better able to:

Professional Values and Behaviours

- Demonstrate and apply the principles and ethics of academic integrity and quality
- Demonstrate curiosity and thoughtfulness and be able to question or justify “accepted” facts and theories
- Demonstrate effective team and individual work

Professional Skills

- Manage, analyse and interpret research data, quantitative and qualitative evidence
- Critically appraise the strengths and weaknesses of research work
- Integrate different types of information and knowledge to justify a point of view
- Design a robust study plan to address a research question
- Communicate research effectively to a range of audiences

Professional Knowledge

- Demonstrate an understanding of the research process, including discussion of the rationale, characteristics and limitations of different research approaches
- Discuss the translation of research to the clinical forum as well as the application of an informed approach to patient care

Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the chosen BSc subject

Course Structure

The 2024/25 intercalated BSc courses will start on Monday 23 September 2024.

Our BScs are comprised of 3 modules:

Module 1 – The Taught Component – 12 weeks

In Module 1 you will gain specialism-specific knowledge and skills. The module is split into three 4-week blocks. Three weeks of each block will comprise face to face teaching and the fourth week will be a consolidation week.

Face to face teaching will be supplemented by online teaching materials in a flipped classroom approach, allowing you the opportunity to practice critical questioning and thinking.

The consolidation weeks give you the opportunity to reflect, revise, engage with online teaching materials, conduct assessment and receive assessment feedback.

Module 2 – Self-Directed Learning – 4 weeks

This module aims to provide you with a collaborative experience of working with your peers to provide a critical synthesis of a scientific problem.

It aims to:

- Enable you to seek and use published data
- Train you to assess literature, consider caveats and draw appropriate conclusions
- Teach you to communicate experimental strategies, results and conclusions effectively and succinctly
- Provide opportunity to participate in the processes of article submission, peer review and rebuttal.

In module 2, you will also work independently on a case-based learning task called Science in Context. Each student will be provided with a patient to observe or a clinical case of interest (virtual patient). You will then produce a Clinical Case Study. This will help you to understand and critique evidence-based practice combined with personalised medicine preparing you to be able to critique the evidence base of your future medical practice.

Module 3 – Research Project – 14 weeks

In Module 3 you will plan and perform a supervised research project. Project title allocation takes place in the Autumn Term and you will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of supervised laboratory or clinical based research projects.

Please note that each BSc course has its own course guide which can be found on each course page on the [Intercalated BSc website](#).

4. Intercalated BSc Assessment Information

BSc Degree Classification

In line with Imperial College London regulations, the final BSc degree classification will be based upon the following scheme:

- First: 70 - 100%
- 2.1: 60 - 69%
- 2.2: 50 - 59%
- Third: 40 - 49%
- Fail: < 40%

Students are required to pass ($\geq 40\%$) all summative assessments to successfully complete their intercalated BSc.

BSc Mark Breakdown

Summative Assessment	Weighting Within Module	Overall BSc Weighting
Module 1		
ICA 1 – Written Task	15%	4.5%
ICA 2 – Oral Task	15%	4.5%
ICA 3 – Data Management	70%	21%
Module 2		
ICA 4 – Group Literature Review	60%	15%
ICA 5 – Science in Context	40%	10%
Module 3		
ICA 6 – Project Report	78%	35%
ICA 7 – Oral Presentation of Project	22%	10%

5. Further Information

Tuition Fees

The fee you will be charged is based on your [fee status](#), which is determined by government regulations.

Home students undertaking an intercalated BSc will be charged according to the funding model in place when you commenced your original course. Overseas entrants to these programmes will be charged as new-entrants at the same fee rate as the Imperial College London Medicine (MBBS) programme. More information can be found [here](#).

Please contact our Tuition Fees Team at tuition.fees@imperial.ac.uk if you require clarification of your 2022-23 intercalated BSc tuition fee.

Student Accommodation

You will be able to apply for accommodation after formally accepting your offer of a place at Imperial.

Please note that students attending an intercalated BSc Medicine course will not be guaranteed a room in Imperial College residencies. The Student Accommodation Centre can also help you find accommodation in the private sector.

Further information about Imperial student accommodation, application deadlines, fees and fee payment can be found on our accommodation web page.

 www.imperial.ac.uk/study/campus-life/accommodation/prospective

CAS and Tier 4 Visa Information

If you are on a Tier 4 Visa, you do not need to apply for a new Tier 4 visa because you will continue to be sponsored by your home institution while at Imperial College London.

The [Imperial College Admissions Team](#) will require a letter from your home institution confirming that they will continue their sponsorship on the existing Tier 4 visa during your time at Imperial. This letter should be submitted after you accept your intercalated BSc offer.

Please contact the International Student Support office for further information.

 www.imperial.ac.uk/study/international-students/visas-and-immigration/