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UNDERGRADUATE GUIDE: SRI LANKA
2019 and 2020
The University of Aberdeen is the fifth oldest University in the UK, dating back to 1495.

Over the past 500 years, we have proudly offered our students life-changing opportunities through greater knowledge and learning. Our vast experience in teaching – along with our modern, 21st century outlook – enables us to offer the same great opportunity to you today.

Our rich heritage, world leading research and learning excellence has contributed to our associations with five Nobel Prize winners and more recently being named Scottish University of the Year 2019 by The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide.

We have a long and distinguished history of producing excellent medical graduates who have gone on to practise medicine all over the world. Our Sri Lanka Medical Pathway offers international applicants a new and exciting opportunity to enter the medical profession.

We warmly invite you to join our Aberdeen family and become part of our medical alumni.

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Aberdeen
Ancient university
Modern results

- *Founded* 1495
- *Named* SCOTTISH UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR
- 14,500 STUDENTS
- 130+ NATIONALITIES

- **OLYMPIC STANDARD**
  - Aberdeen Sports Village

- *Associated with* FIVE NOBEL PRIZES

- 1st
  - IN SCOTLAND
  - 4th IN THE UK
  - for Medicine

- Our medical school is co-located on one of the LARGEST CLINICAL SITES IN EUROPE

- Over 150 SPORTS CLUBS and societies
- SIR DUNCAN RICE LIBRARY named one of the MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE WORLD

- 75% of research classified as WORLD LEADING

- In the top 160 UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD

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**Complete University Guide 2019 and The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019**

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**Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2019**

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**Guardian University League Tables 2019 | In-line with the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF) results**

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**The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2019 | CEOWORLD magazine, 2016**

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**Medicine Undergraduate Guide: Sri Lanka 2019 and 2020**
Welcome to one of the most prosperous and beautiful regions of the UK. Aberdeen is a vibrant, creative and ambitious city, known for its historic charm and cosmopolitan community. Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire have something for everyone: from the bustling city centre of Europe's energy capital to some of Scotland's most beautiful countryside and coastlines.
Discover a city full of possibilities

Aberdeen is a unique student city, characterised by a mixture of distinctive architecture, cosmopolitan spirit, northern light and its proximity to the sea.

Arts and Culture
From historical venues such as His Majesty’s Theatre and the Music Hall, to smaller intimate spaces for live entertainment such as The Lemon Tree or the Blue Lamp, Aberdeen has something to offer everyone. Whether you love listening to poetry, laughing at comedy, or enjoying music, opera or theatre, Aberdeen is the city of the north that provides it all. If you enjoy inspirational, thought provoking art or a bit of history - then visit our numerous art galleries and museums, or discover the city’s NUART street art scene.

Festivals
Festivals are part of Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire’s old Doric culture. The locals love to celebrate their music, food, Scottish tradition and contemporary art. There is so much to discover, from the annual Jazz festival, The Highland Games, to SPECTRA, Aberdeen’s winter Festival of Light.

Sport
Aberdeen provides many opportunities to take part in and watch sport. The city and surrounding area boast over 50 golf courses, five ski centres and several sports courts and pitches. Pittodrie Football Stadium welcomes both local, national and international games and the Linx Ice Arena hosts National ice hockey games.

Food and drink
Foodies beware! You’ll be spoilt for choice. The city offers a fantastic mix of both well-known restaurant chains and quirky independently owned bistros and eateries offering the best local produce. You will find vegan, gluten-free and internationally themed outlets and plenty of places offering traditional comfort food. Don’t forget, one of Aberdeenshire’s claims to fame is being the birthplace of Brewdog and Mackie’s ice cream. Both Brewdog and Mackie’s original eating and drinking establishments can be found in the city centre.

Shop
Union Street and the surrounding area makes up the city’s main shopping hub. You’ll find designer brands, unique boutiques and all the big high street names spread across five shopping centres easily accessible on foot. In addition, our four retail parks dotted around the city provide larger stores with good parking facilities.

Night owls
Aberdeen boasts some of the best natural light in the UK. During the summer months, the city often hosts glimmers of daylight up until 11pm at night. To keep you entertained in the evenings, Aberdeen offers an array of cozy evening café’s with live music, clubs with touring DJ’s and chilled out craft beer hideouts.

Your city

abdn.ac.uk/study/city
City highlights

- Castle Fraser
- Kirkhill Forest
- Tyrebagger Forest
- Aberdeen Airport
- Aberdeen Art Gallery
- Cruickshank Botanic Garden
- Aberdeen Music Hall
- His Majesty's Theatre
- Aberdeen Performing Arts
- Union Square Shopping Centre
- Belrose Filmhouse
- Belrose Sports Village
- Bridge of Don
- Aberdeen Airport
- Kirkhill Forest
- Tyrebagger Forest
- Crathes Castle
- The Falls of Feugh
- Dunnottar Castle
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Our campuses are located within easy reach of the city centre, airport, train and bus stations, beach and our student accommodation village, Hillhead.
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wild weekends

Get wild
The city and surrounding shire is famously known for many different types of wildlife. Spot dolphins in the North Sea, or see hundreds of seals at the Sands of Forvie National Nature Reserve – less than 20 miles from the city centre. To catch a glimpse of rare animal and plant species, visit the Cairngorms National Park, which is home to 25% of the UK’s threatened birds, animal and plant species.

Walk and trek
Sometimes the best way to discover the shire is on foot, where you can experience the impressive landscape up close. Take a trip to our picturesque lochs, like Loch Muick, or soak up the miles of scenery from the top of Aberdeenshire’s famous mountain, Lochnagar.

Proud of our history
Evidence of Aberdeenshire’s past is still very prominent today, with historical attractions ranging from the Neolithic age to World War II. Stone circles, castles, ruins and other buildings can be found all over the city and shire. One of our most well-known castles is Dunnottar Castle, which was part of the inspiration for Disney Pixar’s animation Brave.

Life’s a beach
Whether it’s surfing, walking or swimming, there are an abundance of activities to discover with 150 miles of coastline at your disposal. Or just take a stroll from our campus to the beach, a walk of only about 20 minutes – definitely something to impress visitors with.

Get adventurous
Keen skier, cyclist or horse rider? Fancy surfing, quad biking or golfing? Whatever interests you, there are endless opportunities to explore things you already love and are yet to discover. For all of our skiers and snowboarders, a visit to Glenshee Ski Centre is a must. Cyclists and horse riders can explore the various trails made with them in mind, and water sports fans have miles of coastline and numerous lochs.

See the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis)
A once in a lifetime experience, the Aurora Borealis is a stunning example of natural beauty that can only be seen from certain spots in the world (we’re thrilled to say we’re one of them). For hundreds of years Aberdeenshire has been a famous hot spot for this magical light show, attracting visitors from across the world. Look out for Aurora forecasts online, which help you pinpoint the best time and place to see the show.

Try a wee dram
Whisky production has defined Scotland’s heritage and reputation for many centuries and still does today. Aberdeenshire has plenty of whisky distilleries where you can discover how the spirit is made. Tourists from across the world come to Scotland to visit our distilleries, with many of them located in beauty spots around the country.

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visitabdn.com
Reach your full potential with our Olympic standard sports facilities.

**AUSA sports union**
Whether your interest in sport has just begun or is well-established, the opportunities to get involved in sport at the University of Aberdeen are endless. As part of the Aberdeen University Students’ Association (AUSA), the Sports Union runs more than 50 sports clubs. The Union has an elected body with a full-time Sport Officer and Sports Administrator. Our clubs often compete against many of the universities across the United Kingdom.

**Sports scholarship and bursary scheme**
Sports scholarships and bursaries are available to athletes who are competing at national or international level. The scheme offers support to students competing in any sport at the requisite level.
Support includes: an annual cash award of up to £3000 per annum; academic flexibility; gym membership at Aberdeen Sports Village; athlete accommodation; strength and conditioning; physiotherapy; sports science support; seminars and workshops; yoga for sport; and exclusive sports bursar clothing.

Aberdeen Sports Village, located just across the road from the main campus, provides outstanding sports and exercise facilities, including:
- More than 150 exercise stations
- Over 100 group exercise classes
- A 50 metre Olympic swimming pool
- A 25 metre Olympic diving pool
- Full-size 3rd generation FIFA approved indoor football pitch
- Full-size grass football pitch
- An eight lane 400m running track
- A six lane indoor running straight
- Four squash courts
- Exclusive memberships for UOA students
- Personal trainer induction with every membership
- Training plans
- Two health and relaxation suites

And if that’s not enough for you...
There are numerous other sports facilities available across the University:
- Two rugby pitches
- A lacrosse pitch
- An artificial cricket wicket
- Outdoor tennis courts
- Floodlit football training areas
- The Balgownie Playing Fields, for football, rugby and shinty teams
- The Hillhead Centre has a full-size grass football pitch, a full-size sand-dressed synthetic pitch and a grandstand
- The River Dee boathouse rowing club
- Royal Deeside climbing bothy

[abdn.ac.uk/sportandexercise](http://abdn.ac.uk/sportandexercise)
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We invest heavily in our facilities and learning resources, giving you access to everything you need to help you succeed. The growth of our learning resources has placed Aberdeen on the map as one of the UK’s leading universities for study and research.

Modern approach

SIR DUNCAN RICE LIBRARY—named one of the MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE WORLD*

*CEOWORLD magazine, 2016
An ancient university with support

Right from the start, our staff and student support teams will ensure you have access to all the support you need, whether that on campus or by directing you to a local organisation.

Support with your academic choices
On arrival at the University you will be allocated a Regent who will meet you during induction week and welcome you to the University. Your Regent can provide general support to you throughout your studies and will be a point of contact for any queries you have as a student. They will often be the first person you turn to if you encounter difficulties.

Looking after your health
Full NHS medical services are available to students. The Old Aberdeen Medical Practice, a comprehensive NHS health practice, has many years of experience in providing advice and treatment to students. The Practice is independent of the University, but located close to King’s College campus in a purpose-built health centre. The Old Machar Practice is also close to the King’s College campus.

Childcare
The campus-based Rocking Horse Nursery provides childcare for pre-school age children of students and staff. The nursery has three departments which cater for 0-2, 2-3 and 3-5 year-olds respectively.

Student advice & support services
Located on the second floor of the Students’ Union Building, the Student Advice and Support Office offers impartial, confidential advice and support to students across a wide range of issues including finance, disabilities and specific learning differences, visa and immigration matters, mental health and wellbeing, and more. Students studying on the Foresterhill campus have access to student support staff based in the Suttie Centre and the Institute of Medical Sciences.

Disability Advice
A team of Advisers provide information, advice and support for students and applicants with physical and mobility difficulties, visual impairments, hearing impairments, medical conditions, specific learning differences, and mental health conditions. They also provide assistance to students who are eligible to apply for the Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA).

International Student Advisers
These advisers provide advice on immigration issues, in particular Tier 4 visa extensions, and queries regarding dependents. British immigration legislation is complex and our immigration advice and services are regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner. The HOST UK scheme for international students at the University is administered by the International Advisers.

Mental Health Support
If you’re experiencing a mental health condition we provide a range of professional, free and confidential support appropriate to your personal and academic needs. Our Mental Health Adviser works closely with Specialist Mentors providing short and longer term support to our students.

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Student Support Advisers
Student Support Advisers provide free, impartial and confidential advice to students on a range of issues which include student loans, finance, University procedures, benefits and personal and health problems.

Chaplaincies
The University Multi-faith Chaplaincy is a community hub for people of all faiths and none. The team comprises of Honorary Chaplains and Faith Representatives who seek to encourage the spiritual life on campus. There is always a warm welcome for all and the Chaplaincy team is committed to giving personal and pastoral care to anyone who needs it: offering a listening ear, a hospital visit and much more. The Chaplains also encourage community across the University campus and oversee University services within King’s College Chapel.

Our obligations and yours
The University has a student charter that sets out the responsibilities of the University and of students. It gives details of various University policies and procedures. As a condition of enrolment in the University, all students are required to abide by the University’s Code of Practice on Student Discipline, as amended from time-to-time.
When you start your life in Aberdeen you become part of an international community that welcomes you whoever you are and wherever you come from. We have a hugely diverse student and staff population, with over 30% of our students coming from outside of the UK.

An ancient university with diversity
A home away from home

Living in accommodation with other students will give you a great start at Aberdeen. You will make new friends during the first few weeks and these friends often stay with you throughout your university life and beyond.

We offer:

- **Guaranteed accommodation**
  All new students are guaranteed an offer of accommodation in a single occupancy bedroom within our portfolio or with one of our partner providers, provided your application reaches us by the deadline.
  *(Terms and conditions apply)*

- **Accommodation on, or within walking distance of, the main campus**
  A range of properties are available in, or close to, the main Old Aberdeen campus and the Hillhead Student Village.

- **Frequent Bus Service**
  Hillhead Student Village enjoys great transport links with a regular and direct bus service to our King’s campus, and the city centre. We also have a dedicated bus route to our Foresterhill campus.

- **Headspace, the central hub within the Hillhead Student Village**
  Offers extensive social and study facilities with a reception open 24 hours a day. The community space houses a teaching kitchen, music room and TV area, and study rooms are also available for group or individual projects. You can also enjoy a bite to eat in The Works cafe bar, which also hosts regular events throughout the year.

- **A dedicated team to provide support and information**
  To enhance the student experience while you live in university accommodation. As well as providing advice and guidance, the team run a variety of social events throughout the year.

- **24/7 maintenance support**

- **Single study bedrooms**
  With both ensuite and standard facilities available to suit all budgets. The majority of the accommodation is within five bedroom cluster flats. In addition to this, there are also large traditional halls with shared bathroom and kitchen facilities.

- **Wireless network throughout**

- **Car parking and bike storage facilities**

- **The University also has limited accommodation for couples and families**

Costs and additional information:

- **Up-to-date information on the various accommodation offered by the University (including the all-important costs) is available on the accommodation website**
  [abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)

When to apply:

- **Applicants who have firmly accepted an unconditional or conditional offer of admission will be able to apply online for accommodation up to the application deadline.**
  The application process allows you to make up to five choices. We endeavour to allocate first choice where possible, but this is not guaranteed.

FAQ

What are my options if my accommodation requirements are less than a full academic year?

Limited short-term lets are available, for example for one semester. Please contact us for further information.

[abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)

Are part-time students entitled to accommodation?

Full-time students are given priority but it is often possible to accommodate part-time students too.

How do I pay my rent?

Rent is normally paid at the start of each term. Alternatively, arrangements may be made by individual agreement to pay on a monthly basis.

Will I be housed with other first year undergraduates?

The University has dedicated undergraduate accommodation and we aim to place all first year students together where possible.

Is there a deadline for accommodation applications?

Yes, usually in August, although we recommend that you book as early as possible. Unfortunately, accommodation applications received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed.

For more Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) please visit the accommodation website.

[abdn.ac.uk/accommodation](http://abdn.ac.uk/accommodation)
Your Students’ Association

The Aberdeen University Students’ Association (AUSA) aims to represent the vibrant student community here at the University. We strive to create an influential student community by listening to our members and changing to adapt to their needs. We think student life is better together, which is why we run events, clubs, societies and sport to bring everyone closer.

Where we are?
You’ll find your Association and elected representatives on the ground floor of the Students Union Building, Elphinstone Road. Also look out for us at Hillhead, Foresterhill and the Aberdeen Sports Village.

Getting the student voice heard
We want you to use the power of democratic representation to get your voice heard. Drive positive change through your sabbatical officers, student committees, events and campaigns.

Sports, clubs, societies and events
Clubs and societies are a massive part of student life. Our choice of more than 130 clubs and societies is sure to give you the opportunity to meet people with similar interests and the chance to try something new. If sport is your thing, we have an additional 50 clubs devoted to different sports. We run events most months of the year, including student festivals, Scottish ceilidh nights, international events and live music nights.

Student Enterprise
AUSA is a big supporter of student enterprise. Helping to give space and training to new business and fundraising ideas. There are three student enterprises located on the ground floor of the Student Union Building including Bookends, The Corner and Swap shop. Each providing a unique service to students either working at no profit or raising funds for local charities.

Volunteering
Volunteering with AUSA is an excellent way of widening your student and personal development experience. It helps you to build professional skills and opens doors to new opportunities. It’s easy to get involved, whether you have one free hour or hundreds. AUSA runs volunteering programmes to support anything from sport, local charities to events.

Fancy a career as a radio DJ, TV presenter or journalist? Then this is the place to start. You could be hosting your own radio show, TV show or seeing your name in print for the student newspaper! Aberdeen Student Radio and Granite City TV both provide this opportunity along with The Gaudie, our student newspaper, which has been in circulation since 1934 and is one of the oldest in the UK.

Activism and elections
University politics is often the training ground for future country leaders. If you want to make a change at the University, locally or nationally, then get involved in one of the many campaigning or political organisations. Or why not stand for one of the student committees?

Connect with us
ausa.org.uk
facebook.com/abdnunisa
twitter.com/ausatweet
youtube.com/TheAUSATube
International Students

A warm welcome

Aberdeen has a long tradition of welcoming international students from all over the world. We have a large international community of students and staff drawn from over 130 different countries, making Aberdeen their home away from home.

Our International Centre

As a leading international university, we recognise the importance of helping our international students fully integrate in to Aberdeen, helping you to live, study and make friends during your time here. We understand that studying here is a huge investment in your future, and we are dedicated to ensuring all of our international students feel part of the University.

To help you have the best possible student experience, our International Centre is designed to make you feel welcome and help you as much as possible during your transition to life in the Silver City. The International Centre is for all students, whether you are from Edinburgh, Manchester, Dubai or Texas: we are here to help you have an international experience.

The International Centre is designed to:

- Help integrate new students to the University and city through our orientation and transition programmes.
- Act as a space for students who are on, or are interested in, an exchange or study abroad programme. The Centre has members of staff from our Go Abroad team on hand to advise you.
- Provide a forum for students to meet people from around the world through different activities and events, including trips around Scotland.
- Allow students to practise a variety of languages in an informal and casual atmosphere, including English, Spanish, Japanese and Arabic.
- Give students the opportunity to develop leadership skills through the volunteering programme of the centre activities team.
- Highlight to students with families the many opportunities to meet other families, and ways to get involved in the local community through ‘Global Families’.
- Present students with the various tools, maps and tips that will allow their time in Scotland and Aberdeen to be a success.

English language

There is a set minimum entry requirement for your level of English to ensure you have sufficient language skills to cope with your studies. An IELTS Academic overall score of 6.0 is required for admission in to an undergraduate programme. Medical students require an IELTS Academic overall score of 7.0.

For more information on our English language requirements and the various English courses offered by our language centre. Please visit:

abdn.ac.uk/study/international/english-requirements

abdn.ac.uk/languagecentre

Visa advice

In line with UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) advice, we advise on budgeting for £1,015 per month on top of tuition fee costs to cover living expenses throughout the duration of your study in Aberdeen. The UKVI advice is subject to change so it is important you are aware of and adhere to the most up-to-date advice on their website.

abdn.ac.uk/study/international/finance
A global university

OUR STUDENTS
— are from more than —
130
DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
spanning 6 continents

Did you know?
ABERDEEN WAS THE
1st
University in the
English-speaking world
to create a
Chair of Medicine
in 1497

Did you know?
We have a campus in Qatar

*This map is for guidance only and should not be taken as a definitive or exhaustive representation of our student body.
How to apply

01 Choose your programme
Check out the programme section in this prospectus.

02 Check the entry requirements
Entrance requirements vary depending on the degree.

03 Check the application process
Make sure you know exactly what is required to apply for the degree.

04 Complete your application
Deadline is 30 May for 2019 entry and 15 October 2019 for 2020 entry to medicine. 15 January 2020 for all other degrees.

05 Medicine interviews
You may be called for an interview.

06 Offers
Well be in touch to tell you if you have been made an offer (conditional or unconditional) or been unsuccessful.

07 Make your choice
Make Aberdeen your first choice by early June.

08 Your exams
For those still sitting exams: good luck!

09 Results day
If you’re waiting for results they are released in July and August and we will confirm your place if all conditions are met.

10 University starts!
Get ready to join us.

Admissions information
For 2019 entry please contact the Medical Admissions Office for further details on how to apply.
medadm@abdn.ac.uk

For 2020 entry you should apply online to UCAS. Schools and colleges can provide advice and guidance. UCAS will accept applications for 2020 from September 2019. If you wish to contact UCAS from outside the UK, you can write to them at the address provided below, or visit their website.

Your completed application should be submitted to UCAS with the applicant’s fee of approximately £24. If you wish to apply for only one course at one institution, a reduced price of approximately £15 applies.

Medical applicants
Must take the UCAT Admissions Test.
ucat.ac.uk

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Our modern curriculum ensures our graduates excel in their future careers. 500 years of medicine with innovative learning and modern facilities.
Sri Lanka Medical Pathway

Students entering the University of Aberdeen Sri Lanka Medical Pathway will spend the first three years of the programme in Aberdeen and will be awarded the Bachelor of Clinical Medical Science (B Clin Med Sci) on completion of Years 1 - 3. Students then progress to Year 4 and 5 of our Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) degree, with excellent clinical experience undertaken in Sri Lanka.

Why choose the Sri Lanka Medical Pathway?

- Exciting new opportunity for international applicants to enter the medical profession.
- You will find an exciting range of clinical attachments on offer at Aberdeen. Our teaching is delivered across our Foresterhill campus and at other local clinical facilities.
- Years 1 - 3 are delivered in one of the largest health campuses in Europe, where, facilities include a large teaching hospital, paediatric and maternity hospitals and world renowned University Research Institutes. Years 4 - 5 are delivered in Sri Lanka.
- Taught by experienced clinicians who are at the forefront of modern clinical practice and research.
- The Suttie Centre for Teaching and Learning in Healthcare in Aberdeen provides superb facilities. It allows anatomy and clinical skills teaching to be co-located, giving students the opportunity to integrate and consolidate anatomical structure and function with clinical knowledge.
- Early patient contact. You will work with our Patient Partners right from the start of the programme and clinical attachments begin in Year 1.
- Opportunities for research during your degree through our very active Aberdeen Summer Research Scholarship Programme.
- The Medical Humanities Student Selected Component (SSC) in Year 3 allows you to acquire an alternative ‘take’ on medicine and/or health, sickness or disability, which is not provided by the mainstream medical curriculum.
- Medical students have the opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge by undertaking a one year intercalated degree.

A unique opportunity to gain clinical exposure of two healthcare systems. Asiri Health provide centres of excellence in 3 hospitals in the capital city as well as hospitals in the Southern and Central regions of Sri Lanka.

Go abroad. The eight week project in Year 5 allows you the opportunity to be completely independent in deciding where in the world you would like to go to study any aspect of medicine of particular interest.

Our medical students benefit from a modern curriculum that provides an immersive, holistic experience of community healthcare in both urban and rural settings.

University of Aberdeen academic staff based in Sri Lanka to support your studies. Hosted by the International Institute of Health Sciences (IIHS), you will have access to IT facilities, a library and other learning support plus course administration and pastoral care.

The systems-based course commences in term 2. Here we use clinical cases to act as a focus for teaching. This means we teach you about the appropriate anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of each of the body systems as they are explored, as well as the disease processes that disorganise normal structure and function within each system.

YEAR 2

The systems-based teaching and the foundations of primary care continue to develop in Year 2 where you continue to increase your knowledge and skills. A four-week SSC will be undertaken, focussing on molecular mechanisms of disease. You will also experience a wide variety of weekly clinical attachments working alongside and shadowing various members of the multi-disciplinary hospital team.

YEAR 3

The study of the systems and the foundations of primary care course are completed in Year 3. The SSC in third year provides a unique opportunity to study Medical Humanities for a six week module. A wide range of subjects will be available for students to choose from. In year 3, bi-weekly clinical attachments continue and, by the end of the year, you will be able to perform a complete head-to-toe examination of your patients.

Upon completion of your B Clin Med Sci, you will be invited to attend a graduation ceremony at our historic Kings College. You will be provided with support and guidance in preparation for your continuing studies in Sri Lanka.

More course information: abdn.ac.uk/sri-lanka

Degree structure

Course information is provided for guidance only and is subject to change.

YEAR 1

You will be provided with the knowledge and understanding of medical sciences and the disease processes that underpin medicine. You will have patient contact right from the start of the course both in the clinical skills centre and in real clinical settings. The systems-based course commences in term 2. Here we use clinical cases to act as a focus for teaching. This means we teach you about the appropriate anatomy, physiology and biochemistry of each of the body systems as they are explored, as well as the disease processes that disorganise normal structure and function within each system.

YEAR 4

Students begin the year with a SSC in Aberdeen. In Year 4, students develop their diagnostic and management skills. Students will undertake seven six-week clinical blocks during which they experience many different clinical areas and disciplines covering the core learning required for graduating doctors. It is anticipated that the first of these blocks will take place in Aberdeen before you continue your studies in Sri Lanka.

YEAR 5

This is an apprentice year where students prepare for the competent, safe, effective and professional practice of medicine as a doctor. All final year students complete student assistantships in their medical, surgical and GP/psychiatry attachments. The focus of the placement is to learn and practice what will be required post-graduation when you will be working as a new doctor.

Upon completion of Year 5 you will graduate with a University of Aberdeen MBChB degree.

Accreditations

The necessary procedure for gaining General Medical Council (GMC) approval of our Sri Lanka Medical Pathway has commenced.

Our medicine and dentistry graduates go on to earn more than graduates from any other UK university – Department for Education LEO 2017 – median earnings 1-3 years after graduation.

University League Rankings

4th in the UK for Medicine – Guardian League Tables 2019
Sri Lanka Medical Pathway

Career development

At the end of the undergraduate programme you will receive your MBChB degree, which is a primary medical qualification (PMQ). The University of Aberdeen PMQ has opened the door to highly successful careers of many doctors working across the world including in the UK, USA, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, India, Australia and Sri Lanka.

Holding a UK PMQ entitles you to provisional registration with the General Medical Council, subject only to its acceptance that there are no Fitness to Practise concerns that need consideration. Provisional registration is time limited to a maximum of three years and 30 days (1125 days in total). After this time period your UK provisional registration will normally expire.

Provisionally registered doctors can only practise in approved Foundation Year 1 posts: the law does not allow provisionally registered doctors to undertake any other type of work. For those wishing to work in the UK or obtain full registration with the GMC, application to the Foundation Programme is usually made during the final year of the undergraduate programme through the UK Foundation Programme Office selection scheme, which allocates these posts to graduates on a competitive basis. All suitably qualified UK graduates have found a place on the Foundation Year 1 programme, but this cannot be guaranteed, for instance if there were to be an increased number of competitive applications.

Successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 programme is normally achieved within 12 months and is marked by the award of a Certificate of Experience. You will then be eligible to apply for full registration and a licence to practise with the GMC. UK doctors maintain their licence to practise by maintaining good medical practice and their professional development. Full registration with a licence to practise is marked by the award of a Certificate of Experience.

There is some discussion in the UK about whether to remove provisional registration for newly qualified doctors. If this happens then UK graduates will receive full registration as soon as they have successfully completed an MBChB (or equivalent) degree. It should be noted that it is very likely that UK graduates will still need to apply for a training programme similar to the current Foundation Programme and that places on this programme may not be guaranteed for every UK graduate.

The GMC is currently considering the introduction of a formal assessment that UK medical graduates would need to pass in order to be granted registration with a licence to practise. Although no final decision has been taken as to whether or when such an exam will be introduced applicants should be aware that the GMC envisages that future cohorts of medical students may need to pass parts of a medical licensing assessment before the GMC will grant them registration with a licence to practise.

Graduates who wish to practice medicine in other countries such as Sri Lanka or the USA for example, will be required to sit that countries appropriate medical licensing examinations as graduates of an international medical programme e.g. ERPM in Sri Lanka.

Although this information is currently correct, students need to be aware that regulations in this area may change from time to time.

Minimum entry requirements

This programme is for international fee paying students only.

Competition for places to study Medicine each year is extremely high. We strongly advise you to find out more about the academic and non-academic requirements for Aberdeen by visiting abdn.ac.uk/sri-lanka

Minimum of 85% or above at first sitting and 85% or above in a minimum of three subjects (including Chemistry and at least one of Maths, Biology or Physics).

Students who wish to work in Sri Lanka:

Prospective medical students must possess the mandatory educational entry qualifications stipulated by the SLMC and obtain an Eligibility Certificate.

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Certificate in Pre-Medical Studies

For those not ready to apply for medicine now the Certificate in Pre-Medical Studies gives students an opportunity to gain the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes to make an excellent application to study medicine in the UK.

This is a one year University of Aberdeen programme taught in Sri Lanka and delivered in collaboration with the International Institute of Health Sciences (IIHS) in Colombo. Students who successfully complete the programme will be awarded a University of Aberdeen qualification and be eligible to apply to study on the University’s 3 year medicine programmes (both the long standing Aberdeen MBChB and the new Sri Lanka Medical Pathway). Alternatively, any student successfully completing the Certificate in Pre-Medical Studies will have the opportunity to articulate straight into the second year of one of the highly rated Biomedical Science Honours degree programmes at the University of Aberdeen.

Programme information is provided for guidance and is correct at the time of going to print. Both sessions will be delivered at the IIHS campus in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

SESSION 1 [will be taught by academic staff of the IIHS]
- Human anatomy and physiology
- Chemistry for biological sciences
- Biochemistry and metabolism
- Medical terminology
- Practicum

SESSION 2 [will be taught by academic staff of the University of Aberdeen both in person and on-line]
- Introduction to the Science of Sport, Exercise and Health
- The Cell
- Research Skills for Medical Sciences
- Introduction to Health and Healthcare in the UK

Students will be given support and guidance on applying for further study and future career options.

International Institute of Health Sciences

IIHS is one of Sri Lanka’s leading healthcare training institutes providing education and guidance to local and regional students to add value to their career pathway and the community as a whole. IIHS prides itself on producing healthcare professionals who would contribute to the global workforce.

Entry requirements
To be considered for the programme you should have achieved or be predicted to achieve a minimum of three A-Levels at grade CCC. Two science/maths subjects are required.

Students wishing to follow a career in medicine and ultimately work in Sri Lanka currently must have A-Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Physics in order to meet the requirements of the Sri Lanka Medical Council.

English language: GCE in English grade B or equivalent is also required.

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Tuition Fees
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Bachelor of Science (Honours) degrees in Biomedical Sciences

Advanced entry to our prestigious BSc degree programmes

Students who successfully complete the one-year Certificate in Pre-Medical Studies are automatically eligible to enter directly into the 2nd year of the Biomedical Sciences diploma at IIHS, or into the 2nd year of a range of BSc programmes in Biomedical Sciences taught at the University of Aberdeen.

As our teaching is research-led you will be taught by some of the top academics in the UK, delivered in the best possible environment with access to world class facilities. Our exciting range of BSc Programmes available in Aberdeen include:

- Biomedical Sciences
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Understanding how our bodies respond and adapt to the stresses imposed upon them during physical activity to benefit both performance and health. Our Applied Sports Science degree also gives you the opportunity to provide sports science support to athletes and sports teams to maximise performance.

All of these BSc programmes entail a further three years study in Aberdeen.

We are proudly ranked 1st in Scotland and 6th in the UK for Sports Science, Guardian League Tables 2019.

- Sports & Exercise Science
- Advanced entry with a Diploma in Biomedical Sciences at IIHS

Students who have successfully completed the first 2 years of the 3 year Advanced Diploma in Biomedical Sciences at IIHS can join Year 3 of some our BSc programmes in Aberdeen. Entry to the third year of the following four year BSc Honours programmes is possible:
- Biochemistry
- Immunology
- Immunology and Pharmacology
- Pharmacology
- Physiology

Physiotherapy students can also join our Sports and Exercise Sciences programmes.

Tuition Fees
For tuition fee information please visit abdn.ac.uk/sri-lanka
You've read all about us, now come and see what we have to offer for yourself. To find out more about our open-door policy or to set-up an individual visit, visit abdn.ac.uk/study/private-visits
A Great Location

Based in the centre of a diverse and thriving region, the University of Aberdeen is easy to reach from destinations the world over. Our city’s role as the oil and gas capital of Europe means we benefit from the very best transport links, with global air, rail and road connections leading straight to the heart of the city.

FORESTERHILL CAMPUS

- The Polwarth Building
- Institute of Medical Sciences
- The Medical School Library
- Medico-Chirurgical Hall
- Institute of Applied Health Science
- The Suttie Centre
- The Dental School
- Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health
- Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

KING’S COLLEGE CAMPUS

- King’s College
- University Office
- Regent Building
- Sir Duncan Rice Library
- The Student Union Building
- Cruickshank Botanical Gardens
- St. Mary’s Building
- The Old Town House
- Fraser Noble Building
- Zoology Building
- MacRobert Building
- Meston Building
- Aberdeen Sports Village
- Taylor Building
- Edward Wright Building
- William Guild Building
- Old Brewery

FORESTHILL CAMPUS
Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained within this prospectus but it is subject to alteration without notice.

The University reserves the right to make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of programmes and courses, to discontinue programmes and courses and to merge or combine programmes and courses.

The University is constantly developing new programmes and courses, so please visit our website for the latest information.

The University of Aberdeen continues to pursue best practice and high standards of service for all students.

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