

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

HOLDING AN OFFER FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



UNIVERSITY
of NICOSIA MEDICAL SCHOOL





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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DEAN



Welcome to the St George's, University of London medical programme at the University of Nicosia Medical School.

You are among a select group of talented students from across the globe who are benefiting from the partnership between St George's and the University of Nicosia, allowing you to pursue a graduate-entry MBBS degree from one of the UK's premier medical schools at the leading independent university in Cyprus.

St George's 280 years of history and excellence in medical education, coupled with a dynamic and comprehensive university in Cyprus, ensure a rich learning experience for you and your fellow MBBS students. The St George's medical students in Cyprus benefit from state-of-the-art facilities and resources, including access to the e-learning resources available to all MBBS students, whether in London or in Nicosia. The innovative and student-centred curriculum allows for the early development of clinical skills and behaviours, and promotes collaborative learning, critical thinking and reflection, skills that are essential for a career in medicine.

Once you successfully complete our course, you will receive the same degree as your counterparts in London - one that is recognised and valued worldwide. The success of the St George's graduate-entry curriculum, the first of its kind in the United Kingdom, has led many other medical schools around the world to create similar programmes. However, this is the first time that the St. George's MBBS degree is delivered outside of the UK, which offers students a unique opportunity for an exciting international experience in medical education.

The University of Nicosia, built on the principles of a liberal democratic university, welcomes students from over 80 different countries and is a place where you will feel included from the very start. We look forward to welcoming you to Nicosia and to the St George's MBBS programme.

Professor Andreas Charalambous

Executive Dean

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Your Address and Other Contact Details

Please keep your contact details up to date throughout your application process. If your email address or telephone has changed then please inform our Admissions Team as soon as possible.

When sending correspondence, we will automatically use email addresses entered on our application portal, and it is your responsibility to ensure that these are up to date.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Putting your school or current university email address (e.g. medic.t.b@school.org.uk) as your contact email address, which then becomes inaccessible during the holidays/summer break before you start your MBBS degree.
- Not checking your email regularly - we often find it quicker to email you if we have a quick question, or want to send a reminder, rather than calling you.



PAPERWORK



Student Service Centre

The Student Service Centre helps you with any non-academic related issues. The Centre offers assistance with student services, finance and registry issues so students can go to one place for all their needs!

As part of this Centre, the Student Affairs team runs events and activities, manages club registration, organises the host family programme and more. They also assist with visa issues, health insurance, accommodation and transportation. They help new students to obtain sim cards, bus routes, maps of the city and booklets on things to do in Cyprus. In addition, the Centre deals with requests for official documents.

Visa Requirements and Procedures

EU/UK citizens can enter Cyprus without a visa, and they will complete the form for a residence permit a few weeks after arrival. Non-EU nationals require a visa in advance, and our Student Affairs team will be in touch with the details and will help you through the process. The Student Affairs team also provides support for spousal visas for married students.

In addition to the standard €1,000 tuition deposit required by all students, non-EU & non-UK passport holders are required to also pay the amount of €2,200 which will be deducted from their tuition fees. This amount is required by the Migration Department to issue a temporary student visa. In case you do not enrol in the Medical School, you will be refunded this amount.

Immigration Control

For migration purposes, please note that it is strongly recommended that your first arrival to Cyprus should be through Larnaca or Paphos airports only and not Ercan airport.

When you arrive in Cyprus you should bring with you:

EU/UK Students

- Passport
- Offer Letter from the University of Nicosia Medical School (You will not be asked for this but you must have it with you).

Non-EU Students

- Passport
- Colored copy of temporary entry visa (blue slip) issued by the Cyprus Migration Department
- Offer Letter from the University of Nicosia Medical School
- The Migration Department requires you to bring with you at least €2000 in cash. Bear in mind that significant expenses will be incurred soon after you arrive in Cyprus (accommodation, tuition, etc.), so bring along a satisfactory amount of money to open a bank account and cover all of those expenses.
- All documents submitted and certified either by the Cyprus Embassy/Consulate or other government authorities.



Enrolment Paperwork

As part of the enrolment procedure at our Medical School the Admissions office will request the following documents which must be submitted in a hard copy, original format, no later than the end of July 2018, or by the date specified in the email notification you will receive from the Admissions Office.

The Health Questionnaire

This questionnaire requires you to undergo medical tests and vaccinations in order to work in a clinical setting. Many of these requirements are also mandated by the Cyprus Government's migration policy. Instructions on how to complete this questionnaire will be provided by the Admissions Office.

Police Record Check

You must provide an Original Police Clearance Certificate from your country of current residence issued from June 2018 onwards.

Having a criminal conviction may not exclude you from joining the course but we have a duty to the public to exclude applicants who have convictions for violent offences or offences against children or vulnerable adults.

Student Entry Information Form

With your offer acceptance you were asked to submit a signed copy of the Student Entry Information form electronically. This form must also be submitted in a hard copy original format to the Admissions Office.

Conditional Offers upon Degree Results

If you are still awaiting confirmation of your degree classification (or final GPA), you must ensure that you provide official confirmation of your final results before the end of July 2018. In case you do not have a final transcript at that time, you should supply a letter from the Registry/Student Records office at your current institution, stating your final classification or GPA. If you are not able to complete your current course of study before August 28th 2018 then you must inform the Admissions Office by the end of July 2018.

MCAT and GAMSAT Results

You are required to submit an official MCAT or GAMSAT score report as per instructions provided by your admissions advisor

English Language Proficiency Test Results

If your undergraduate or post-graduate degree was not conducted in English, you are required to undertake an English language proficiency exam and submit an official English language proficiency score report thereafter.

Please be aware that failure to supply documents on time may result in the withdrawal of your place.

HEALTH ISSUES



HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C

All of our medical students are offered a blood test for HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C on entry to their course - these tests are in addition to any which non-EU students must undertake as part of their visa processing. Please be aware that blood tests for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV must be administered after your arrival in Cyprus - results from any other countries will not be accepted. Additionally, non-EU students are required to undertake a chest x-ray and a VDRL test for syphilis, also after arrival in Cyprus. Before testing for these blood borne viruses you will be offered a chance for further discussion with someone if you wish. Testing will only be carried out with your consent. It is possible to complete your course successfully even if you are tested positive for one of the above viruses or if you are not willing to be tested.

However, you should be aware that if you are tested positive for one of the above viruses or you choose not to be tested, then you will not be able to take part in exposure prone procedures. These are not a necessary part of the course but, for instance, during a surgical rotation you will not be allowed to "scrub in" and assist. During your course you will have placements at various hospitals which insist that all healthcare staff have had these tests. If you decide not to be tested then we will arrange your course so that you do not have placements in these

All information regarding this testing will be retained in the Occupational Health Department and treated confidentially with the provision that some staff will need to be informed in order to make the necessary arrangements for you to complete your training safely.

Tuberculosis

It is mandatory for all medical students to have a Mantoux test in Cyprus and if needed (depending on the result), further action will be undertaken (e.g., CXR and/or prophylactic therapy).

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), Hepatitis B, Varicella and Meningitis C Vaccinations

As a healthcare student you will have regular contact with vulnerable patients during your training. In the event of these patients contracting diseases such as Measles or Chickenpox the mortality and morbidity is unacceptably high compared to normal healthy people. Rubella can cause significant abnormalities in an unborn child if a pregnant woman becomes infected. Additionally hospitals you will be attached to during your training have strict policies regarding immunity requirements before you are allowed to have contact with patients.

It is essential, for optimal protection, for you to be immunised against the above-mentioned diseases before you commence the course. It is advisable to have your vaccines before your arrival in Cyprus. If this is not feasible, then you will be given information and guidance on how to complete your vaccines in local medical centres.

For any other vaccinations that need to be updated (e.g., Tetanus or Diphtheritis), please do so before arrival in Cyprus; however, if this is not possible, you can have these immunisations in Cyprus. Students will need to repeat these blood tests (and relevant vaccines if necessary) upon their arrival to Cyprus, at the student's own cost.

Students with Disabilities or Special Needs

It is important that you notify our staff of any medical conditions, disabilities, or personal circumstances that you may have.

FINANCE

As you may be aware, studying at university is a large financial commitment, and requires some forward planning so that you do not fall into unnecessary difficulty.

If you have any questions about your ability to finance your medical studies, please consult your admissions advisor as soon as possible.

Fees

Annual tuition is €27,500 and includes registration, tuition and examination charges.

The following additional fees apply*:

ALL STUDENTS	
Annual malpractice insurance fee (CS-T year)	€300
Annual Personal Accident Insurance	€50
Annual Learning Resources Fee	€100
(Optional) Annual USMLE Resources Fee (Years 1-2)	€285
NON EU STUDENTS	
Annual Health Insurance Fee (<i>optional for Eu students</i>)	€180
Entry Visa application fee (<i>one-time, non-refundable payment</i>)	€90
Entry Visa extension fee for a year	€105
Renewal of Visa for a year (<i>per year after year 1</i>)	€35
International student guarantee (<i>one-off, refundable upon payment</i>)	€400

* Please note that the above additional fees may be subject to change

Clinical year insurance charges are higher and that estimates are communicated



For All Students

To secure your place on the course, you are required to pay a non-refundable tuition deposit of €1,000 by the date specified in our tuition letter.

Tuition fees are invoiced twice per year; 50% of the annual amount at the beginning of the Fall Term and 50% at the beginning of the Spring Term. Other additional fees (such as insurances etc.) are invoiced of the annual amount at the beginning of the Fall Term.

Students are expected to pay fees in four instalments per Term as per the below schedule.

FALL TERM		
Instalment	Date	Amount Due
Instalment 1	September 30	25%
Instalment 2	October 31	25%
Instalment 3	November 30	25%
Instalment 4	December 31	25%

SPRING TERM		
Instalment	Date	Amount Due
Instalment 1	January 31	25%
Instalment 2	February 28	25%
Instalment 3	March 31	25%
Instalment 4	April 30	25%

Students who prefer to settle fees in a single payment per Term can do so before the deadline of Instalment 1 in the Fall/Spring Term.

Scholarships

We offer scholarships to assist students in partially funding their studies. Scholarships will be based on demonstrated financial need and will not exceed 30% of tuition fees per year.

You will receive a Scholarship Application, which you should complete and return by email, along with scanned copies of the requested documentation, by the deadline stated in the letter.

ARRIVING IN CYPRUS



Airport Pick-Up

You can get to the Medical School or your hotel from Larnaca International Airport by taxi, the Kapnos Airport Shuttle, the Intercity bus or Travel Express.



Taxi

You can reserve a taxi which will be waiting for you at the airport on the day of your arrival. The discounted price is €40, as long as you mention that you are a student at the Medical School. The taxi can take you from Larnaca International Airport directly to the campus or to your hotel.

Email: tctaxiservice@gmail.com
Phone: +357 97779824

Kapnos Airport Shuttle

The Kapnos Shuttle will pick you up from the airport and drive you to Kyrenias Avenue in Nicosia. The price for the trip is €8. From there you will need to get a taxi to drive you either to the Medical School or to your hotel. For bookings and more info please refer to the following web page.

Website: www.kapnosairportshuttle.com

Please note that the physical address of the Medical School is:

93 Agiou Nikolaou Street, Engomi
2408 Nicosia, Cyprus

BANKING



Opening of a Bank Account

- You are free to choose any bank to open an account. Hellenic Bank, Bank Of Cyprus and Alpha Bank are located near the Medical School premises and provide a fast and quality service to our students.
- Non-EU students will need to deposit a minimum amount of €1,700.
- You will also need to ask for a bank statement confirming your balance (this is required by the Migration Department).
- In order to open a bank account, please make sure you take your passport, an enrollment letter and your house/flat rental contract with you.
- US citizens also need to present their social security card when opening the account.
- Students need to show evidence of their house contract when opening a bank account. If the yearly rent noted on your contract exceeds the amount of 5000 Euros (per household) then local banks require your contract to be stamped (at a small fee) by the Inland Revenue Department for your account to be opened. The Inland Revenue Department is located at M. Paridi and Vyzantiou, 2064 Strovolos
Tel. no.: 22407723
Opening hours: 08:00-14:45



ACCOMMODATION



Students in Nicosia can choose from a variety of affordable housing options, many of which are only a short walk to our campus. Our Student Affairs team will assist you in finding suitable accommodation for your needs and budget closer to the time of your arrival.

These include privately owned halls of residences or other properties close by.

If you are willing to share a flat, you can join the Facebook group created for each cohort so that you can get in touch with other

students who are looking for roommates. You will receive an email invitation to join the Facebook group upon receiving an offer.

Please note that you may need money for security deposits when setting up accounts such as: electricity, water and internet.

In case you need further details regarding accommodation, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Affairs team at servicecentre@med.unic.ac.cy





Temporary Accommodation

Please find below the four most frequently used hotels that are near to the Medical School:

Hilton Park Hotel****

Griva Digeni Avenue
Nicosia, 1507

+357 22695111

hilton.park@hilton.com.cy

www.nicosia.hilton.com

Single: €125
Double: €153

Altius Hotel***

1 Acheon Street, P.O. Box 24330
Ayios Dometios, Nicosia, 1011

+357 22255540

info@altiushotel.com

www.altiushotel.com

Single: €65
Double: €85

Students of the Medical School:
Single: €50
Double: €70

Asty Hotel**

12 Prince Charles Street
P.O. Box 24502, Ayios Dometios,
Nicosia, 1300

+357 22773030

asty.hotel@cytanet.com.cy

www.astyhotel.com

Single: €45
Double: €65

Students of the Medical School:
Single: €40
Double: €65

Europa Hotel**

13 Alkaiou Street
P.O. Box 25730, Egkomi
Nicosia, 1311

+357 22692692

reception@europahotel.com.cy

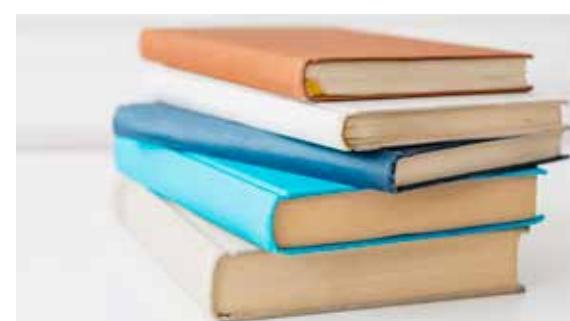
www.europahotel.com.cy

Single: €55
Double: €65



* Rates may vary according to the time of year

ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING EXPENSES



Personal and Living Expenses

In addition to your tuition fees you also need to plan your personal and living expenses budget.

The estimated expenses in Cyprus per academic year are as follows:

Accommodation €6,000 - €8,000

Food and Personal Expenses €5,000 - €8,000

Books and Stationery €400 - €800

Transportation €1,000 - €3,000

For non-EU students: Please note that during your first month at the Medical School you will have to register with the Cyprus Migration Department in order to receive your student visa.

Migration regulations require you to repeat the blood test and chest x-ray once you arrive in Cyprus. EU/UK students will also need to undertake blood tests and/or chest x-rays upon arrival in Cyprus.

The cost for the blood test is approximately €60 and the chest x-ray is approximately €20.





Host Family

Through the optional Host Family Programme, students are matched with a faculty or staff member. This could include activities such as: visiting the host family at home, invitations to celebrations, weekend meals, holiday outings, day trips around Cyprus and much more.

By being a part of the Host Family Programme, students have the opportunity to make new friends, and experience the life of a local family.

Host families will find the arrangement is mutually beneficial—they get to meet interesting people from all over the world, get to know different cultures and ideas along the way.



LIVING IN CYPRUS



Cyprus is an Ideal Place to Study

Cyprus is number 21 on the list of 52 Places to Go in 2017, released annually by the New York Times, which highlights “a cultural and culinary renewal on a Mediterranean island,” while the Financial Times ranked Nicosia as the #1 city under 500,000 in Europe for lifestyle/education. Cyprus is also ranked the safest country in the world for people aged 15 to 29 by the World Health Organization.

This video by the Cyprus Press and Information Office shows how the combination of a multicultural population, modern infrastructure, low cost of living, rich history and a beautiful natural environment make the country an ideal place to study medicine: www.vimeo.com/200899050

Money and Currency

The official currency in Cyprus is the Euro. There are seven denominations in Euro banknotes: 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euro. They all have different colours and sizes; the higher the denomination, the bigger the size. One euro is divided into 100 cents. There are eight Euro coins: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent, €1 and €2.

Weather

Cyprus is famous for its 330 days of sun and its warm climate. During the summer temperatures can reach 40 degrees Celsius, while in the winter they can drop to 10 degrees Celsius. Generally,

other than during the winter months (December–February), the weather is nice and sunny.

Languages

Greek and Turkish are the main languages spoken by the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities respectively. English is widely spoken.

Places of Worship

Cyprus enjoys a high level of freedom of worship due to the diversity of people living on the island. While the majority of Greek-Cypriots are Greek Orthodox Christians, other denominations are represented on the island, including Armenians, Maronites and Roman Catholics. The Turkish-Cypriot community is predominantly Muslim. Several places of worship are found around Cyprus.

It is expected that visitors to any place of worship will show the courtesy and respect of proper dress and will obtain permission before taking photographs.

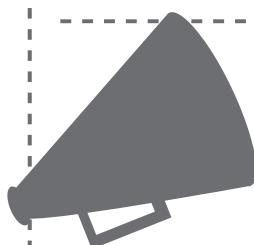


COUNTRY IN EUROPE
with over 300 days
of sunshine per year



**SAFEST COUNTRY
IN THE WORLD
FOR STUDENTS**

World Health Organization (WHO), 2017





Local Time

Cyprus Time is GMT +2. Expect to change your clocks by an hour on the last Saturday of March (forward) and last Saturday of October (back).

Working Hours

Public service

Public service operating hours are flexible all year round. Operating days are from Monday to Friday, starting between 07:30 - 08:30 and closing between 15:00 - 16:00.

Private sector

Each company keeps its own hours, but generally, office hours are 08:00 - 13:00 / 15:00 - 18:00 Monday to Friday.

Shop Opening Hours

Shop opening hours vary depending on their type and location and whether they are located in urban, tourist or rural areas.

Generally, shops are open between 07:00 and 21:00 from Monday to Saturday, but this can vary an hour or two either way, depending on the type of shop and the area it is located in. On Sunday shops typically open later, around 11:00, and their closing times vary between 14:00 and 21:00, again depending on the type of outlet and its area.

Some shops still observe a half-day closing on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and stay closed on Sunday, although in most of the tourist areas of Cyprus, both shops and supermarkets stay open till late at night, and are also open on Sundays.

BASICS OF THE GREEK LANGUAGE

Alphabet

A	Alpha	H	Eta	N	Ni	T	Taf
B	Beta	Θ	Theta	Ξ	Xi	Υ	Ypsilon
Γ	Gamma	I	Iota	Ο	Omicron	Φ	Phi
Δ	Delta	K	Kappa	Π	Pi	Χ	Chi
Ε	Epsilon	Λ	Lambda	Ρ	Rho	Ψ	Psi
Ζ	Zeta	M	Mi	Σ	Sigma	Ω	Omega

Useful Words and Expressions

Kalimera	Good morning	Ego	I
Kalispera	Good afternoon	Emees	We
Kalinikta	Good night	Esee	You (singular)
Herete	Hello	Esees	You (plural)
Yassas	Hello or Goodbye	Aftee	They
Adio	Goodbye	Pos se lene?	What is your name?
Ne	Yes	Hero polee.	Nice to meet you
Ohi	No	Ti kanete?	How are you
Efharisto	Thank you	Kala	Good
Efharisto para poli	Thank you very much	Ashima	Bad
Parakalo	Please	Etsie ke etsie	So so
Signomi	Excuse me	Poso stihizi afto?	How much does this cost?
Den katalavenno	I do not understand	Ti ine afto?	What is this?
Pos to lete...sta Aglika?	How do you say...in English?	Thelo na agoraso	I would like to buy
Milate..?	Do you speak...?		



DATA PROTECTION



The Medical School holds and uses personal student data which is defined as 'sensitive' under the Data Protection Act 1998. This is information about a student's ethnic origin (including photograph), religious affiliation, disabilities and infirmities, physical health, mental health, Criminal Records Bureau disclosures, Medical School disciplinary record, and drugs administered in the course of training or participation in clinical trials.

This data will be used only for the purposes of monitoring implementation of our equal opportunities policies, making statutory statistical returns, ensuring compliance with legislation and regulations of professional and statutory bodies concerning fitness to practise, ensuring that appropriate support and guidance is provided to students, and safeguarding the health of students and staff.

Access to this data will be restricted to senior academic and administrative staff, with the exception of photographs which will be made available to course organisers and teachers for the purpose of identifying students but will not generally be published (e.g., in class lists or handbooks).

Sensitive data will only be disclosed outside the Medical School to professional and statutory bodies, public authorities, employers or potential employers when specifically required for the safety of the student/ex-student or compliance with legislation or regulations concerning fitness to practise. Any detailed medical records held will only be held or disclosed outside the Medical School with the specific permission of the health practitioner who originated those records. Any detail of criminal records will be held and used only in accordance with our published policy on CRB disclosures.*

You should notify the Registry of any corrections or amendments to this data (e.g. change of address) using the forms available from the Registry. The above text is part of the Medical School's Data Protection Policy, a copy of which will be given to you during orientation week. If you would like a copy of this sooner, please contact the Admissions Team.

* For MBBS Students personal student data is shared with GMC, Medical Schools Council (MSC) and the UK Foundation Programme Office (UKFPO), when specifically required for compliance with legislation, regulations and processes connected with post-graduation training

EQUIPMENT



Equipment

All students will need a stethoscope in Year 2. You may bring your own with you or purchase one in Cyprus.

Induction Week

A mandatory induction programme will be held from 27th August - 31st August 2018.

This programme will introduce you to key members of the faculty and staff, review our curriculum, outline the student support offered by the Medical School and the University of Nicosia, and show you around Nicosia.

Student Enrolment and Attendance

All students must enrol on the first day of term. If you are unable to attend on the first day of term, you must contact our Admissions Team to discuss your options.



CALENDAR



Provisional Term Dates 2018-19

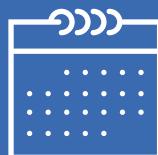
YEAR 1	
Term	Term Dates
Autumn	Monday 27 th August - Friday 14 th December 2018
Spring	Monday 7 th January - Friday 19 th April 2019
Summer	Monday 29 th April - 05 th July 2019

Please note that all term dates above are provisional and subject to change.

Public Holidays 2018-2019

The days listed below are public holidays in Cyprus. All public services, private enterprises, banks, shops and the Medical School are closed on public holidays.

Republic Day	1 st October 2018	Green Monday	11 th March 2019
Ochi Day	28 th October 2018	Greek National Day	25 th March 2019
Christmas Eve	24 th December 2018	Cypriot National Day	1 st April 2019
Christmas Day	25 th December 2018	Easter Break	25 th April - 30 th April 2019
Boxing Day	26 th December 2018	Labour Day	1 st May 2019
New Year's Day	1 st January 2019	Whit Monday (Kataklýsmos)	17 th June 2019
Epiphany	6 th January 2019	Assumption Day	15 th of August 2019



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