

**BAQAI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY**

**POLICY ON  
FOREIGN STUDENTS'  
ADMISSION  
(POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS)**

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## **1. SCOPE**

Baqai Medical University is a renowned university in the country, which plays a significant role in imparting postgraduate studies in Medical Sciences as it a university chartered exclusively for medical education. It promotes higher education within the country and encourages foreign nationals to seek admission in medical and allied disciplines. The university acknowledges that foreign students bring with them different views, ideas, beliefs and multiple cultural experiences that help domestic students and faculty members as it broadens their worldview.

## **2. PURPOSE**

This policy document is developed to facilitate the foreign students seeking admission in the field of medical and allied sciences. It will also encourage and facilitate Pakistani nationals settled abroad to pursue their higher education in Pakistan.

## **3. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION**

This Policy shall be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

## **4. POLICY STATEMENT**

### **4.1 Eligibility:**

Baqai Medical University (BMU) offers wide range of postgraduate (PG) programs related to medical and allied health sciences to foreign students irrespective of their cast, creed and gender. The programs include doctoral and master level clinical and non-clinical degrees and diplomas. A candidate having either of the following nationality status will be considered as a “foreign student”,

- Foreign Nationals
- Overseas Pakistanis having foreign citizenship
- Overseas Pakistanis having Dual Nationality
- Pakistani nationals working abroad whose children persuaded their education in a foreign country

For admission to any PG program at BMU, a foreign applicant must either have Bachelor’s or Master’s degree obtained from an institution recognizable by Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) or any other concerned regulatory authority.

### **4.2 Minimum Grade Point requirement**

An applicant is expected to have grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 on scale of 4.00 or 60% marks for admission in Master’s program and GPA 3 or 70% marks in master’s degree for Doctoral program in the subject applied for.

### **4.3 Age limit**

There is no age limit for admission to any PG program for foreign students.

## **5. ADMISSION CRITERIA**

For successful selection of candidature, a foreign applicant has to satisfy the concerned dean's nominated panel of subject specialists (Physical / Virtual).

### **5.1 Verified copy of translated documents**

- It is responsibility of a foreign applicant to provide all relevant information required by BMU to enable a selection evaluation and to meet all statutory / regulatory obligation in the delivery of education.
- If the documents are not in English, verified copy of translation by Pakistan mission in the applicant's country will be required.

### **5.2 Credit transfer annual semester system**

For transfer of credits, an applicant must have completed in a satisfactory manner a minimum of coursework in the designated areas depending upon the intended field of PG study. A 24- credit hour and 18- credit hour course work is mandatory for master and doctoral program respectively. Equivalence Committee of BMU will have final decision on transferable or non-transferable number of credit hours of the applicant's completed course work.

Credit hours of a foreign candidate may only be transferred in the programs with same degree level.

An applicant can apply for admission in more than one programs as per university policy.

## **6. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**

English is the official language for conducting higher education courses. Proof of English Language Proficiency is required for all foreign students where medium of instruction of the country is not English.

## **7. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

It is an applicant's responsibility to show financial proof of covering all educational expenses and living cost for him/herself along with accompanying spouse and other dependents.

## **8. ADMISSION OFFER**

Admission is recommended by the faculty in which the student plans to study and the admission is granted by the university through Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR). Once the selection decision is made, offer for admission is made through the office of the secretary BASR to the selected candidate. He/she has to respond within specified time mentioned in the offer letter.

## **9. UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

University policies, other than this policy, are applicable to all foreign students in similar manner as to local students.

## **10.POLICY REVIEW**

The foreign students' admission policy of BMU is in line with the policies of government of Pakistan and will be reviewed as per requirement.

## **11.APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCEDURE**

The eligible candidate has to send a copy of all the previous educational documents to Secretary BASR of the university physically/ electronically. The copies should be verified by the Professional regulatory body and degree awarding university of the applicant.

The dean of concerned faculty will appoint a panel of subject specialists and the applicant needs to satisfy his/her candidature test/ interview. The provisionally selected candidate will submit the documents for verification from the regulatory authority along with the documentation processing fees which is non-refundable.

If the interview panel recommends admission, the documents of the candidate along with a provisional letter of admission will be sent by BMU to Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Ministry of Interior, Islamabad to acquire No Objection Certificate (NOC).

After verification from HEC and the Ministry of Interior, offer for admission is made through the office of the secretary BASR to the selected candidate. This letter is issued to facilitate the selected student so that he/she can apply for student visa and is able to join the university when the academic session begins.

Once the visa is issued and the admitted student reaches Pakistan, he/she should report his/her arrival to the secretary BASR where he/she will be required to submit the following original documents:

1. University Degree/Diploma
2. Higher School Certificate (12-year of studies)
3. Secondary School Certificate (10-year of studies)
4. Marks certificates
5. Transcripts
6. Proof of financial support

The Secretary BASR will call a meeting of BASR to finalize the admission.

## **Background:**

The matter of developing a policy for the admission of foreign candidates in the postgraduate programs of Baqai Medical University was discussed in the 112<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BAS&R) held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The BAS&R unanimously agreed for the same (Resolution # 6). This decision was taken in accordance with the Vision & Mission of the University depicted below:

### **VISION**

*“To evolve as a nucleus for higher learning with a resolution to be socially accountable, focused on producing accomplished health care professionals for services in all spheres of life at the national and global level”.*

### **MISSION**

*“University is dedicated to the growth of competencies in its potential graduates through dissemination of knowledge for patient care, innovation in scholarship, origination of leadership skills, use of technological advancements and providing noteworthy contributions to society through commendable service”.*

The Chairperson, BAS&R constituted a committee to develop and design the said policy. The committee after holding several meetings submitted the Draft policy to the Vice Chancellor. After due approval, the policy is being implemented w.e.f. September 2022.

## **Committee members**

Prof. Asaad Javaid	Dean Faculty of Dentistry, <b>Convener</b>
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Prof. Iftikhar Ahmed	Dean Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences
Prof. Jalal Akber	Dean Faculty of Nursing
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