

New Doctor of Medicine program to boost global profile

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The University of Queensland will introduce a new Doctor of Medicine (MD) program in 2015, enhancing global opportunities for its postgraduate medical students.

The four-year postgraduate-entry MD degree will replace the current four-year Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) program.

School of Medicine Head Professor Darrell Crawford said it was an exciting development that would greatly benefit the University's medical students.

"The change to an MD will ensure the UQ medical program remains aligned with medical programs from other comparable research-intensive universities in Australia," he said.

"It will also provide a more easily recognisable qualification for our medical graduates.

"This is important because future graduates are likely to be much more globally mobile than past generations, and an MD degree will facilitate greater international employment opportunities for them.

"Equally important, the MD degree allows us the opportunity to refine our course with more emphasis on an understanding of research methodology and research outcomes.

"The enhanced research exposure will be an advantage for our graduates in an increasingly competitive healthcare arena," Professor Crawford said.

Students will benefit from access to the research-rich environment that is provided by UQ, ranked 33rd in the world in medicine in the QS World University Subject Rankings.

The MD program requires a minimum of a three-year bachelor degree for entry, with provisional and graduate entry to be offered to domestic and international students.

Details can be found [here](#) and on video [here](#).

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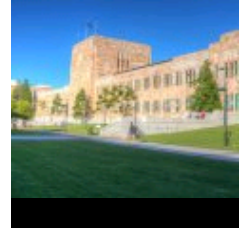
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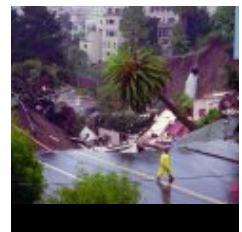
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