

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LKS FACULTY OF MEDICINE**

**FAQ for New Study Track under MBBS | Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery
MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar)**

For JUPAS and Non-JUPAS Candidates

Q1. Who is this new study track for?

MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) targets high achievers who aspire to study Medicine at HKU, either via JUPAS or the non-JUPAS admission route.

You may wish to note that MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) shares the same JUPAS code (JS 6456) and non-JUPAS programme code (6456) as the existing MBBS programme.

Q2. How do I apply to MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar)?

For JUPAS applicants, you may apply to MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) by placing JS6456 as one of your Band A choices. You will be assessed for admission to either MBBS or MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) in one single JUPAS code, depending on your final HKDSE results.

For non-JUPAS applicants, you may select programme code 6456 as your “1st choice programme”. You will be assessed for admission to either MBBS or MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) in one single programme code, depending on your academic merit and achievements.

As mentioned above, candidates can apply to MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) in one single code (via JUPAS or non-JUPAS route) and thus no additional application information is required. The same applies to JUPAS sub-schemes applicants as well.

Q3. What are the minimum entry requirements for MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar)?

Candidates must satisfy the stipulated MBBS entrance requirements, i.e. outstanding academic achievement plus admission interview results, and have achieved a programme entry score as stipulated in the table below. Entry score is for candidates’ reference only. Satisfying minimum score does not guarantee admission, students’ whole profile will also be considered. Please note that Chemistry is a compulsory subject for admission to the MBBS programme. Public examination results of Chemistry taken at the high school level, e.g. HKDSE, HKALE, GCEAL / IAL, IB, and SAT / AP, are required.

Qualification	Min. Entry Requirements
HKDSE	49.5 [^] in Best 6 subjects (Category A subjects and M1 / M2)
IB	45
GCEAL/IAL	5A* obtained in the same academic year (some subjects are excluded [#])
Other qualifications not mentioned above	Assessed based on individual academic merit, candidates are expected to have achieved very outstanding academic results

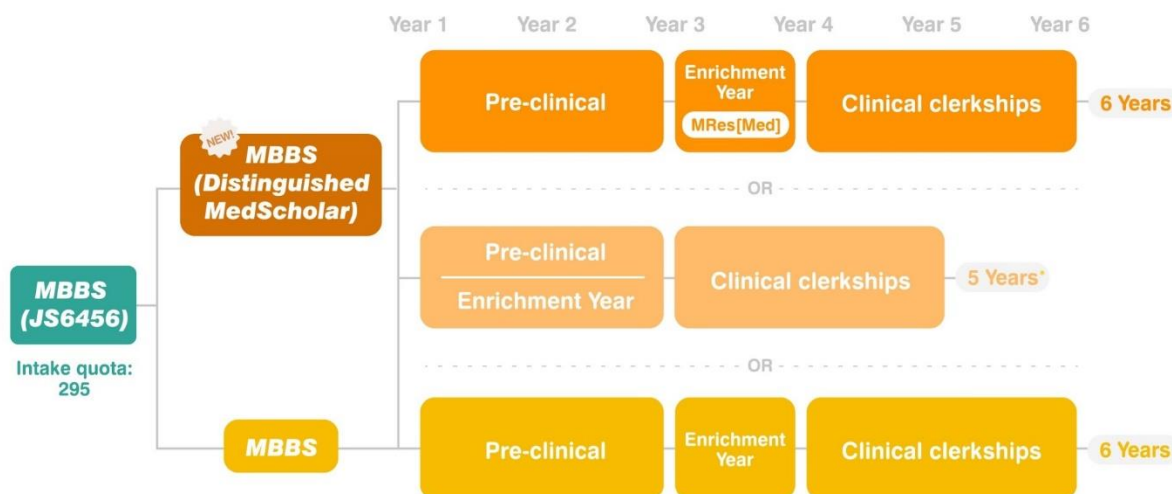
[^] The Best 6 score is calculated by using the HKU [bonus scoring system](#).

[#]Chinese and English Language subjects, Critical Thinking, General Studies, Global Perspectives and Research, Knowledge and Enquiry, Project Work, Thinking Skills, and Extended Project Qualification are also excluded.

Q4. Will there be a separate admission interview for MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar)?

No. There will not be a separate admission interview for MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar).

Q5. What is the difference between this new study track MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) and the existing MBBS programme?



Students admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) are normally required to complete six years of study. The first two years are pre-clinical studies, students will then undertake Enrichment Year (EY) in the third year, and complete clinical clerkships in years 4 to 6.

Students admitted to the new study track, MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar), based on outstanding academic achievements plus admission interview results, are eligible to choose either one of the following:

- Complete MBBS and a Master of Research in Medicine (MRes[Med]) in six years. Upon completion of MBBS and MRes[Med] and the one-year internship, students will receive financial support from the Faculty to pursue a PhD at a renowned university and potentially join the Faculty as clinical academics upon completion of PhD;

or

- Students who choose not to pursue MRes[Med] for Enrichment Year may have the flexibility to complete MBBS in not less than 5 years* through undertaking other Enrichment Year options (such as research attachment/humanitarian services or elective courses locally or overseas) in parallel to the coursework in Year 1 and Year 2, and progress to the 3-year clinical curriculum starting Year 3. They can also undertake Enrichment Year in Year 3, following the regular 6-year track.

Note:

- a) It is important to note that the academic curriculum of MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) and MBBS are identical. The difference in study duration is as a result of the fact that MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) students have the option to undertake Enrichment Year in parallel to the coursework in Year 1 and Year 2*, as opposed to undertaking Enrichment Year in the third year of study.
- b) MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) students can opt not to undertake Enrichment Year in parallel to the coursework in Year 1 and Year 2 but in Year 3, following the regular 6-year track.

Q6. What if I don't want to study in Master of Research in Medicine (MRes[Med]), can I study in other Master's degree?

Yes. Students in MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) can choose to follow the regular 6-year track and undertake Intercalation, Research Attachments and/or Service or Humanitarian Work in their third year of Enrichment Year, instead of MRes[Med].

It is important to note that, MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) students who are interested in pursuing a PhD after their MBBS studies are strongly encouraged to study in MRes[Med] for Enrichment Year, as scholarships will be offered by HKUMed for pursuing a PhD at a renowned university overseas upon graduation with the possibility of joining HKUMed as clinical academics at the level of Clinical Assistant Professor.

Q7. Do I have the flexibility to choose between MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) and MBBS if I have met the entry requirements?

Yes. Students who have met/satisfied the entry requirements for MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) can choose to opt in or out of the study track depending on personal choice, however, students must do so within the timeframe as stipulated by the Faculty.

Students who do not meet the entry requirements for MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) at the time of admission (but are admitted to MBBS programme) can still have the opportunity to opt in to the MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) track if they have achieved outstanding results in their First Summative Assessment at end of Year 1 (e.g. in the top 5%).

Q8. What are the other features of MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar)?

Students who are admitted to MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) are guaranteed the following provisions:

- guaranteed hall places throughout the undergraduate studies;
- financial support for further PhD studies at a renowned university overseas;
- guaranteed that elite mentorship be offered through which students could make their own choice of mentors from within the Faculty or the University.

Q9. What international exposure/exchange opportunities do I have in this new study track?

Many international/exchange opportunities are offered to students during their Enrichment Year, whether students undertake it in the third year or in parallel to the coursework in Year 1 and Year 2 studies.

For example, students can choose to study in the UK/Canada/the United States in University of Bristol, UBC, or Yale, for their intercalation modules. The Faculty has a list of partner institutions for our students to choose from. Students can also choose to engage in humanitarian work internationally, or service work in Mainland China.

Q10. Who will be my mentor in MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar)? Can I choose my own mentor in a non-clinical area?

Yes. Students who are admitted to MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) have the option to choose their own mentors from any disciplines within the Faculty or the University.

It is important to note that, all students in the existing MBBS programme will be assigned mentors by the Faculty; these mentors will assist students and provide academic guidance throughout their different stages of studies.

Q11. How will this new study track help me in my career in the medical profession?

The academic curriculum of MBBS and MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) are identical. Students will receive robust and well-structured medical education and training at HKUMed to achieve an eye-opening and fulfilling learning experience.

With the launch of this new study track, MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar), students are given more exclusive options of flexibility according to personal choices, e.g. to serve the community early through pursuing the MBBS programme in 5 years*; or to pursue an academic pathway through studying MBBS and MRes[Med] in 6 years.

HKUMed has a long history of nurturing the next generation of healthcare and medical professionals and leaders. Students who study for MBBS or MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar) enjoy the advantage of being able to join a wide network of medical alumni who excel in the medical profession as they do, locally and internationally.

Q12. Are there any advanced standing arrangements for MBBS (Distinguished MedScholar)?

Students who have achieved Level 5 or above in English Language in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination, or equivalent, are exempted from 6 credits Core University English course requirement.

Students with GCEAL, Cambridge Pre-U or IB Diploma qualifications and have completed seven years of secondary education, advanced standing will be granted subject to the Faculty's approval.

Candidates with degree qualifications will be considered for advanced standing on a case-by-case basis but will normally be required to study the programme from Year 1, subject to their degree subjects and degree results.

** subject to confirmation*