

Academic Foundation Programme Commencing August 2010 Eligibility Criteria

In order to apply for the Academic Foundation Programme 2010, prospective applicants must:

1. expect to obtain provisional registration* with the General Medical Council (GMC) by the start of the Foundation Programme 2010;
2. not hold full registration* with the GMC at the start of the Foundation Programme 2010;
3. be a UK or EEA national OR be a student of a UK medical school in their final year of study OR have the right to work as a doctor in training in the UK on 26 June 2009 which remains valid until the start of the Foundation Programme; Applicants who are unable to submit a valid right to work by 26 June may only be considered if there are insufficient suitable applicants who have the right to work in the UK.
4. have the written approval of their medical school dean (or the dean's nominated representative or the equivalent official to the dean) to apply for an Academic UK Foundation Programme;
5. have a valid medical degree recognised by the GMC by the start of the Foundation Programme;
6. be in a position to start their Academic Foundation Programme placement in August 2010 (exact date to be agreed with the employer);
7. be fit to practise medicine safely in accordance with the GMC's document [Good Medical Practice \(2006\)](#);
8. have demonstrable skills in listening, reading, writing and speaking in English that enable effective communication in clinical practice with patients and colleagues, as set out in paragraph 22 of the GMC's [Good Medical Practice \(2006\)](#) **;
9. have qualified from medical school within two years of the start of the Foundation Programme 2010 OR successfully complete the UK Foundation Programme Office's national clinical assessment;
10. supply all relevant documents as requested.

* The GMC will introduce the licence to practise in the autumn of 2009. After the introduction of licensing any doctor wishing to practise in the UK must be both registered and hold a licence to practise. See GMC website for further details (www.gmc-uk.org).

** This can be demonstrated by providing a valid certificate for IELTS at the level of 7.5 in each domain, or proof that your primary medical qualification has been undertaken in English (see Eligibility Form for further details).